

REGARD NOTE AS STEP TOWARD PEACE

President Keeping Mind Open Until Official Text Arrives From Berlin

ANSWER DISAPPOINTS

Document Does Not Meet Wil- son's Suggestion for An Avowal of Terms

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note is regarded here as having advanced the peace movement another step despite the fact that it disappoints in not meeting his suggestion for an avowal of terms.

The reception Germany's reply receives among the entente allies, whose statesmen have publicly declared against such a program, now becomes the point upon which a further move is hinged. The German note probably is the prelude to a series of carefully considered delicate moves in the great game of world diplomacy, all possibly leading to an approach of a real discussion of peace terms on grounds which all the belligerents may feel can place them at no disadvantage.

Wilson Keeping Mind Open.
This is the official view of Germany's reply so far as it had been formulated on the basis of the unofficial text. The official copy had not been received and President Wilson was keeping his mind open.

Neutral diplomatic quarters, too, regarded the note as a step toward peace and rather leaned toward the view that Germany might follow it with a confidential communication of some sort outlining her terms.

The view of the entente embassies frankly expressed, was that the note was not an answer to President Wilson's communication but rather a document for circulation in Germany and in neutral countries with the object of moulding opinion to place the responsibility for continuance of the war on the entente. Among the Germanic diplomats, the only view expressed was one of surprise that the reply had preceded receipt of the entente's response to Germany's original peace proposal of Dec. 12.

It was everywhere agreed that the principal sticking point was the lack of definite statement of terms such as President Wilson asked and such as Lloyd-George declared the allies would require if they were not to put their heads in a noose with the rope end in the hands of the Germans.

May Bridge Difficulty.
It is not beyond the realm of diplomacy, however, to find a way to bridge that difficulty and Germany's failure is not regarded as a block to the negotiations, also it makes them exceedingly difficult.

Germany's declaration that she regards the work of securing the world against future wars, the work to be taken up after the present conflict was ended, was regarded with adversity of opinion.

Officials who turned back and compared the statement with the phrases of President Wilson's note did not find the two out of harmony, nor in disagreement with the president's public utterances on a world league to preserve peace; yet there was an indefinite opinion abroad in official quarters that the ending of the war and the safeguarding of peace of the future were a joint problem so inseparable that one depended upon the other. Those taking this view referred to Lloyd-George's declaration that the allies would consider it possible to enter a conference only if Germany would first openly offer "reparation, restitution and guarantees."

May Raise Difficult Obstacle.
The German reply regarded as not only failing to do this, but its suggestion that the work be left for the future, it is feared may raise a difficult obstacle for the allied statesmen to surmount with their own people to whom an absolutely durable peace has been held out as one of the main justifications of the war. It also has been shoofed by the allied statesmen with the terms which would end the conflict.

Unpopular as such a concession might be in the entente countries, the very formality of subject viewed in the cold light of diplomacy, is regarded here as sufficient to require a separate conference but one which might properly be intertwined with the peace meeting.

Suggest Two Conferences.
One suggestion is that the conference might bind the belligerents in a solemn declaration and pledge to carry out re-organization of the international balance and leave the actual details such as demobilization, limitation of armament, military budgets and the like for a separate conference untrammelled by the difficulties sure to surround the first meeting. The difficulties which nearly broke up the first Hague peace conference were recalled today as an

CONSIDER PLANS FOR NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

Entire Atlantic Fleet May Take Part in Celebration of Acquisition of Danish West Indies.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Plans for a great naval demonstration to signify American acquisition of the Danish West Indies are being considered by state and navy department officials. Probably the entire Atlantic fleet will be ordered to St. Thomas, the long sought naval base site, to participate in the celebration.

Minister Brun, of Denmark, formally advised the state department today that the treaty for the sale of the islands had been approved by King Christian and would be dispatched from Copenhagen Dec. 30. The Atlantic fleet will mobilize at Guantanamo, Cuba for winter maneuvers next month and will be reviewed there by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt, who will be on his way to inspect the naval forces in Haiti and San Domingo, may take charge of the ceremonies at St. Thomas.

RECEIVE NO REPLY FROM GEN. CARRANZA

Negotiations Are Not Formally Declared At An End

Officials Inclined to Take into Consideration That an Answer Might Have Been Delayed—Refusal Would Mean End of Negotiations

Washington, Dec. 26.—Altho General Carranza had not replied tonight to the demand of the United States that he either ratify or repudiate the protocol drawn by the Mexican-American joint commission, the expiration of the time limit was not made the occasion for formally declaring the negotiations at an end.

Reply Might Be Delayed
While the time expired at midnight, officials were inclined to take into consideration that a reply might have been delayed and indicated that a favorable reply even the day or more late would not be rejected inasmuch as an adjustment of the international difficulties was the chief object. Refusal to accept the terms of the agreement under which the American troops would be withdrawn from Chihuahua, means the closing of negotiations thru the joint commission for adjustment of the questions at issue between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico. What effect the new situation then presented would have on the policy of the United States is not known, but it was said at the state department today that any further move would be made thru the usual channels, and not by the commission.

Hope for Favorable Reply
Dr. John R. Mott, one of the American commissioners, conferred with Secretary Lane during the day and both expressed the hope that Carranza's reply would be favorable. The more general opinion among government officials however, was that the Mexican executive would not alter his repeated declaration that the American troops must be withdrawn unconditionally and that any further discussion of international subjects could not take place while foreign troops "violated the sovereignty" of Mexico.

If Carranza persists in his refusal there will be nothing for the members of the joint commission to do but to hold one last conference to close the record and say good byes. If a favorable answer finally comes, the closing of Carranza's conferences will be resumed.

Disruption of the commission would, it is believed, make very slim the chances of Carranza obtaining an American loan without which those high in his own government concede it will be almost impossible for him to continue the task of conducting an administration beset by organized bandits.

States No Limit Was Fixed
New York, Dec. 26.—Luis Cabera, chairman of the Mexican delegation on the Mexican-American joint commission said here late tonight that no time limit had been fixed for General Carranza either to accept or reject the protocol proposed by the Mexican-American conference at Atlantic City, N. J. There was no understanding during the sessions of the joint commission, he added, which gave the American commissioners authority to impose such a time limit.

NAVAL TUG RAMS BATTLESHIP DELAWARE

NOFOLK, Va., Dec. 26.—The battleship Delaware was rammed and a hole three feet in diameter was stove in her stern about the water line by the naval tug Sonoma at the navy yard here late today. None was injured.

The Sonoma was working her way thru a fleet of twenty or more warships when she struck the Delaware a full blow at half speed. The armorplate at the stern was pierced by the tug's sharp nose. The Sonoma's bow was badly damaged.

The navy yard commandant has ordered an inquiry.

WILL PAY BACK SALARY

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26.—Back salary to employees of the state of Illinois discharged by order of the state civil service commission and reinstated by direction of the state supreme court will be paid as a result of the action today of the state court of claims. The court passed favorably on awards totalling \$4,135. In addition the court allowed claims for monies tied up in the Ferguson suits.

INDEPENDENTS WILL DETERMINE CONTROL

Neither Democrats Nor Repub- licans Will Have Majority

Personnel of Next House Now Stands: Republicans 214; Democrats 213; Independents 21; Progressive 1; Prohibitionist 1; Socialist 1; Contested 2.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Revised figures on returns of the last election show definitely that neither Democrats or Republicans will have a majority of the next house, necessary to elect a speaker and that a handful of independents will determine, which side will control the organization. Conceding seats to candidates in possession of certificates of election, because they are certain to participate in the organization of the house, the personnel now stands: Republicans 214; Democrats 213; Independents 21; Progressive 1; Prohibitionist 1; Socialist 1; contested 2. A majority is 218, hence should either Democrats or Republicans win both of the contests they still would be short of a majority.

Maintaining Strict Silence.
All of the independents are maintaining strict silence regarding their attitude on the speakership but the Democratic and Republican leaders agreed on how most of them will vote, provide caucuses are held and solidarity maintained by the two old parties.

Kelly of Pennsylvania, a Progressive who formerly was a Democratic member of the house is listed as a Democratic probability.

So are Randall, Prohibitionist of California and London, of New York, Socialist.

Schall of Minnesota, Progressive, the leaders agree, probably would lean toward a Republican candidate if convinced of his Progressivism.

Fuller, Independent of Massachusetts, also is classed as a Republican hope.

Martin of Louisiana, Progressive, has indicated that assurance of protection of the sugar interests will be his first concern in voting on the organization. He formerly was a Democrat however.

Two Seats Contested.

Contests in which certificates have not been issued are on in the thirty-second Pennsylvania district where Representative Barchfield, Republican is contesting the election of Guy E. Campbell, Democrat and the third New Jersey district where Representative Scully, Democrat is opposing the election of Robert Carson, Republican.

Should the Republicans seat both of their contestants and hold other members solid for their candidate, they would need only two in six votes to win the speakership, while the Democrats would need five. On the other hand should the Democrats win the contested seats the Republicans would need four in six votes while the Democrats could win with three votes.

There is no question about the Democrats voting solidly for Speaker Clark, but there are some signs of strife among the Republicans. Representative Gardner, already has announced his opposition to Representative Mann. Every effort will be made by leaders however, to have the solid support of Republicans assured in conference before voting starts.

Representative Gardner, who announced yesterday that he would seek to obtain a Republican conference to formulate policies for the future activity of the party in the house, did not visit the capitol today.

Thanks Republicans Will Be United.
Mr. Mann was there however, and tonight he expressed the view that the Republicans will stand united at least in the organization of the house.

"I have nothing to say about the speakership matter or the Gardner episode," Mr. Mann said, "except that I still hope that the president thru some way in God's providence may aid in bringing about peace which shall be lasting and permanent and provide for disarmament and the removal of the heavy burdens of military and naval preparedness and if I can in the slightest degree assist to bring about such a result I would rather do that than to be speaker."

"The charge of Mr. Gardner that I am for Prussia and Prussianism is of course, utterly untrue. I am for America first, last and all the time and do not take sides in the European war. In Mr. Gardner's opinion that is my offense."

"I suppose it is inevitable that in the present situation in regard to political control of the house every man who gets a grouse will be tempted to bluster around and say that he will not play unless he can have his own way. That is always one of the results of a narrow margin of votes. But in the end I think the Republicans will have the good sense to all get together and act as a united party at least in the organization of the house."

Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin whom Gardner will support for speaker had no comment to make on the situation.

RECEIVE NO FURTHER NEWS FROM STEAMER

NANTUCKET, Dec. 26.—The radio stations at Siasconset and at Newport, R. I., listened in vain thruout the day and night for further news from the Steamer Maryland which sent out distress calls late last night saying she was sinking 330 miles east of Sandy Hook. The coast guard cutters Acushnet and Gresham were on the way to the steamer's aid, but were not expected to be able to reach the position given until tomorrow.

CHARGE NEWSBOY WITH VIOLATION OF MANN ACT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—Otis Parkhurst, a train newsboy was arrested here today on application of Kansas authorities for an alleged violation of the Mann act in transporting a 15 year old girl from Parsons, Kans., to Burlington, Iowa.

Parkhurst, it is said, took the girl back to Parsons.

Parkhurst is married and his wife is here in an almost destitute condition.

Officers will arrive here from Parsons Wednesday according to the local police to return Parkhurst to Kansas for trial.

It is alleged that he is also wanted in Wichita, Kans., on a statutory charge.

WAR NEWS SUMMARIZED

The Teutonic allies are favorable to an immediate meeting of delegates from the belligerent states at some neutral point in order that exchange of views with regard to peace may be carried out.

This has been declared by the German government in replying to the recent note of President Wilson's suggesting that the belligerent nations make known their basis for peace. It is announced in the note that Germany is of the opinion that the work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the present struggle, and that then Germany will be ready to collaborate with the United States in "this exalted task."

Roumania continues the theater of the greatest activities. In Northern Wallachia, along the southern Moldavian border, and in Dobruja the Teutonic allies continue to make gains over the Russians and Roumanians.

Thirty miles southwest of Braila, the invaders have captured the town of Filipecht, and west of Rimnik Sarat are on the offensive. In this latter region during the past few days, 5,500 Russians have been made prisoner.

In Mesopotamia the British forces are still in quest of Kut-el-Amara in which sector they have made further advances on the right bank of the Tigris and extended their positions south and east of the town. Gassaba fort, 20 miles southeast of Kut has been destroyed.

The British victory over the Turks at Maghdaba, 90 miles east of the Suez canal was of considerable proportions. Of the Turkish force about 2,000 men, 1,350 were made prisoner.

On the other fronts there have been only artillery engagements.

FORMER SLAVE OBSERVES HER 120TH BIRTHDAY

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Mary Talbot, a former slave, celebrated her 120th birthday anniversary with a family dinner at home of her grandchildren here on Christmas day. The aged woman has spent most of her time this winter abed, because of weakness due to advanced age. She sees clearly and when up and about spends much of her time piecing quilts. She is a native of Kentucky.

Daniel Riarty, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and resident of Ottumwa for twenty-eight years, observed his 100th anniversary at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Michael Carroll, on Christmas.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE STATE AUTO BODY

Purpose Will Be to Form Powerful Central Organization to Work for Good Roads.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26.—Hundreds of automobile clubs and road organizations are included in a plan for the formation of a State automobile body to be called the "Illinois Motor Club Association." Officials of motor clubs throughout the state have put the plan on foot. It is planned to admit all automobile clubs and trail associations in the state for the purpose of establishing a powerful central organization to work for good roads and other things of importance to automobile owners.

Clarence J. Root, president of the Springfield Motor Club is endeavoring to communicate with auto club officials throughout the state for a big meeting to be held in this city in the near future.

DENIES VON PAPPEN FINANCED PLOTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26.—Franz Bopp, German consul general here denied repeatedly under cross-examination today in the United States district court where he is on trial with six associates charged with conspiracy to violate American neutrality, that Captain Franz Von Pappen, former military attache of the German embassy at Washington, had financed or directed the alleged dynamiting attempts charged against the local consuls.

Von Pappen was in San Francisco during 1915, Bopp said, but his visit chiefly was recreational. It was in that year the government alleges various dynamite plots against allied munition shipments and Canada railway property either were planned or successfully executed.

OUTLINES PREPAREDNESS FOR PEACE

New York, Dec. 26.—Preparedness for peace thru the medium of the highest scientific development of resources which would have to be employed in a war for defense by this nation, was outlined today by George F. Kunz, retiring vice-president of the section on social and economic science before delegates to the convention of the American association for the advance of science.

PROPOSE METHODS OF RAISING MORE REVENUE

House Ways and Means Com- mittee to Consider Program

Will Frame Legislation to Meet the Prospective Deficit of \$370,000,000 at the End of the Next Fiscal Year.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Issuance of \$125,000,000 of Panama canal bonds, increased income and estate taxes, an additional tax on whiskey, beer, cigarettes and bottled waters and higher tariff duties on coffee and tea are proposed in a tentative program to be considered by the house ways and means committee when it begins framing revenue legislation to meet the prospective deficit of \$370,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year. The committee will undertake its task soon after congress reconvenes next week. Members in direct charge of drafting the legislation already have conferred with Secretary McAdoo and other administration officials and the problems has been given serious consideration by President Wilson himself. There are intimations that the president may decide to address congress soon to outline how he thinks the necessary money could be raised.

The president is understood to oppose bond issues except for emergencies.

Democratic leaders in the house propose to put the issue of Panama canal bonds directly upon the military expenditures on account of Mexico.

Speaker Clark believes that an extra session will be necessary to consider revenue measures unless it is possible to meet the deficit by bond issue and income tax increases. Other Democrats hope, however, the problem can be solved by pressing thru at the short session a complete program including an omnibus revenue bill in addition to provision for the bond issue and increasing the income tax. Some of the tax increases proposed are \$1.25 instead of \$1.10 per gallon on whiskey, \$2 instead of \$1.70 per barrel on beer and a sufficient increase on cigarettes to bring in from \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000.

SERVES 21 YEARS; MUST FACE ANOTHER CHARGE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—When John M. Leonard, an attorney, completed his twenty-first year in prison since 1892 and was released from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., he was visited on a Christmas day in the open. There remained one more charge, however, still unsatisfied in the eyes of law and Leonard left here last night in custody of federal officers to stand trial in New York on a charge of robbing the postoffice at Elkhill, of \$300 in money orders. His previously conducted fight against extradition won the commendation of United States Judge Pollock, but failed to obtain his liberty.

ARREST ACKER ON CHARGE PERJURY

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 26.—Charles N. Acker of Minneapolis who testified he came here at his wife's suggestion "to help out" J. Sidney Smith, indicted head of the United States Livestock company charged with use of the mails to defraud in sales of Arizona wild horses which it is alleged did not exist was today arrested on a federal warrant charging perjury. He was released on bond. Acker testified that at the request of J. F. Bauer, a farmer, Fargo, N. D., he had drawn with a pencil a certain brand on a photograph of a horse and that reproductions of the photograph were made and used to dupe purchasers of wild horses. Jack Wirtz, Minneapolis newspaper photographer, who made the reproductions, testified the brand could not have been made with a pencil. Other photographers corroborated him. Bauer denied having intimidated "a lot of money could be made with photographs of horses bearing the brand" as testified by Acker.

MANY IOWA TOWNS OPERATE AT A LOSS

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 26.—The report of George Galliano, head of the state municipal accounting department issued tonight, showed that 868 towns and cities in Iowa were operating at a loss. The total indebtedness of cities was \$20,591,587, an increase of \$1,473,525 in the last year.

Nine cities are operating under a commission form of government and five under the city manager plan. Municipal industries were reported to have a value of \$38,793,292.

FORBID SALE ABROAD.

Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—Via London.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the Bundesrath has forbidden the sale abroad of German shipping shares, the object being to prevent an undesirable foreign influence in German shipping.

URGES ADJUSTMENT OF RATES.

New York, Dec. 26.—Unless railroad rates are adjusted to make revenues conform proportionately to expenses, federal control of the country's railroads is inevitable, according to the annual report of the general executive board of the railway business association, made public here tonight.

G. H. USHER DIES.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—G. H. Usher, general superintendent of the southern division of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company died here today aged 58 years.

CORONATION PLANS ALMOST COMPLETED

Indications are That Hungarian Ceremony Will be Carried Out With all the Pomp of the Days Before the War.

London, Dec. 26.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam says preparations for the Hungarian coronation are almost completed and that indications are that the ceremony will be carried out with all the pomp of the days before the war.

"The dress of Empress Zita," says the correspondent, is ready. It is of white satin covered with golden ornaments. It represents the efforts of fifty workers, who devoted fourteen days in making it at a cost of 50,000 kronen.

"The dress will be handed to the queen by a deputation headed by the Archduchess Augusta."

"On the ground that the coronation should not be celebrated lavishly during such times of stress, the Croatian opposition party, according to a despatch has declined the official invitation to the ceremony received by the Croatian diet."

REPORT VILLA'S FORCES TAKE SAN LUIS POTOSI

Advices Reach El Paso From Source Close To Villa

Receive No Details—Tampico Believed to Be Bandit's Objective—Gen. Murguia Reports Defeat of Villa Bands

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—A report was received late today by sources known to be close to Francisco Villa and by government agents, saying that Villa's forces captured San Luis Potosi yesterday. Many foreigners who left Torreon before Villa attacked that town recently went to San Luis Potosi. No details are available.

San Luis Potosi is southeast of Torreon on the National railroad line between Aguas Calientes and Tampico. Tampico is believed to be Villa's objective in order to obtain a port thru which he can import arms, ammunition and supplies. Villa was reported to be preparing to launch an attack against Chihuahua City soon.

In anticipation of this attack, General Francisco Murguia was reported to have ordered General Francisco Gonzales, former commander in Juarez to proceed south at once with his entire brigade to reinforce the Chihuahua garrison.

A Mexican who claimed to have been ordered from the command of Mariano Tamez, a colonel in Villa's army, arrived here today and said Tamez was east of Villa Ahumada, 60 miles south of Juarez with a column of 400 followers.

Reports Defeat of Bandits

Chihuahua City, Mex., Dec. 26.—General Murguia reported today that his forces had defeated Villa's bandits at Guerrero and Santa Rosalia with heavy losses in men and war material for the rebels.

Speaking of the loss of Torreon, the general said that this should have not occurred, as the Carranza garrison there was ample for the city's protection. He added that the present whereabouts of Villa is unknown.

CHARGE USE OF MAILS TO DEFRAUD

Arrest Springfield Man Alleged to Have Represented Himself as Father of Woman Who Advertised for Her Parent.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26.—(Special)—Charges of using the mails to defraud were made against James M. Reeves of this city today, by the postal authorities, after catching Reeves at his own game of representing a dead father. Mrs. Fannie Dietrick of Topeka, Kansas, had for several months been unable to locate her father. She advertised in a magazine giving her address for any response. Reeves, it is charged, seeing the advertisement, wrote to the woman, saying that he was her father and was sick and very badly in need of money, adding that if she would send him railroad fare he would come to her. In the mean time Mrs. Dietrick had found her father in Missouri where he had been sick and died a few weeks ago. She turned the letter over to the postal authorities at this city and Reeves was arrested shortly after. The name he represented was A. A. Parnsey.

NO CLUE TO BOMB PLANTER.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 26.—Altho the authorities have worked unceasingly no clue has been obtained as to the person or persons who planted a bomb at the home of Governor Spry Sunday night. Rewards of \$1,000 have been offered for the arrest and conviction of the bomb planter.

WEATHER INDICATIONS AND TEMPERATURES.

Illinois: Unsettled and colder Wednesday, Thursday partly cloudy and colder.

Temperatures.

The current, maximum and minimum temperatures as recorded for Tuesday were:

Jacksonville	46	47	32
Boston	22	30	13
Buffalo	22	26	29
New York	24	34	24
New Orleans	72	76	60
Chicago	40	40	29
Detroit	32	32	20
Omaha	16	42	34
St. Paul	18	36	22
Helena	14	10	16
San Francisco	42	44	38
Winnipeg	16	16	—8

TWENTY-FIVE ARE KILLED IN STORM

Ranges From Blizzard In North to Tornado In Arkansas

ARKANSAS LOSS HEAVY

Four Dead At England, Ark., 17 Reported Killed At Keo and Three At Carlisle

STORM IS MOVING EAST

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—At least twenty-five lives were reported lost in a storm that raged thru the west today ranging from a blizzard in the northern states to a tornado which struck Arkansas during the afternoon. Thru the western states higher temperatures prevailed and the rain was heavy. Unusual cold was reported in the mountains west to the Pacific coast. In Los Angeles there was snow for the sixth time in weather history.

Tornado Causes Heavy Loss

The greatest loss of life reported was in the tornado in south central Arkansas. Four persons at England, Ark., were killed outright, seventeen were reported killed at Keo, three others at Carlisle just east of Little Rock. Several were reported killed at the state convict farm at Tucker, Ark., in the path of the storm. In Washington, a young hunter was separated from his companions and found later frozen to death. In Oregon searching parties are after at least three men who have been missing since the storm began.

The blizzard tonight was at its worst over eastern North Dakota where there has been a snowfall of more than 17 inches in 24 hours breaking the record of the great November blizzard of twenty years ago. At Hismark the thermometer stood at zero. Extreme cold prevailed in all the mountain states. At Denver, it was 4 below; at Havre, Mont., 22 below; Helena 16 below; Cheyenne, Wyo., 10 below and in Yellowstone Park, it was 14 below.

Storm Passing Eastward

On the Pacific Coast unseasonable weather was reported. Thru the Ohio Valley and Gulf states, thunder storms took the place of the blizzard that raged in the north, while in New England fair weather was reported. The storm, however, was passing eastward and the United States weather bureau predicted rain and snow thru the lake region and Ohio Valley to the Atlantic Coast before Thursday.

Special cold wave warnings were ordered for the plains states, the Missouri valley and the interior of Texas and storm warnings were displayed on the Atlantic coast from Fort Monroe to Jacksonville, on the Gulf coast from Rockwell to Bay St. Louis and on the southern California coast.

Nine Known Dead

Little Rock, Dec. 26.—Nine persons are known to be killed and four are known to have been injured in a tornado which swept a four mile path over South Central Arkansas late today. Unconfirmed reports tell of many more deaths.

The death list includes four white persons and five negroes. Three little girls were the victims of the storm at Carlisle. Near England, a planter, Albert L. Swartz was killed and his wife and daughter were seriously injured when their home was demolished. Two negroes were killed near Pine Bluff, one was killed at Sherrill and another was killed near England. Reports persist that a negro colony near Keo was wiped out and that seventeen were killed. Another report tells of the deaths of from fifteen to twenty convicts at the state farm at Tucker.

According to reports the storm first struck south of England, moved northeast for a distance of about sixty miles and finally spent itself near DesArc and Devali Bluff.

Path Four Miles Wide

The storm is said to have swept a path about four miles wide and it is reported that several fires broke out in the wreckage. Every physician in the little town of England has been called to the country to care for the injured.

Much alarm is felt here over the situation at the state convict farm at Tucker, where there is said to have been a heavy death list. There are about 325 prisoners at the farm. Captain J. R. Burkett, warden of the state penitentiary, left here tonight with reinforcements for the guard at Tucker.

The death of three persons

Our Heartiest Greetings

We extend our earnest good wishes to all our friends and hope for their increased Health, Happiness and Prosperity in coming days. :- :-

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The Pictorial Review issued this month has a notable picture in colors. On the one hand is a line of French soldiers in the trenches and not more than a hundred yards away another trench with its guard of Germans. Between the two battle lines Christ is pictured walking and beneath the words, "Christmas, 1916, Peace on earth good will to men." It would not accomplish much to have the picture fall into the hands of the soldiers, but the picture in the hands of all the monarchs and leaders of the warring nations might find response.

Time Brings Changes

Times change and people change with them. It was related recently that when telephones in this locality were first introduced that the physicians of Beardstown agreed that they would not install them in their homes or offices. Their idea was that the talking instruments would be the occasion of a vast amount of trouble without much return, but they subsequently had reason for changing their minds. A physician in that town was one of the first residents to purchase an automobile. After he had made a few country trips farmers served notice on him that unless he discontinued the use of the car that he could take their names from his list of patrons. The doctor decided that discretion was the better part and the offending auto was kept within the town limits.

It has not been so very long ago that candidates in this county who did their canvassing work in automobiles were given a political "black eye" by the farmers who seriously objected to city folks riding round in cars and scaring their horses along the highways. Now nearly every farmer has a telephone and still more of them drive automobiles. When they send for a doctor they expect him to come buzzing out in a car. Usually the candidate satisfied with a horse drawn vehicle is accounted too slow for the office he is seeking.

France and U. S. In Exchange Study Plan

Next summer fifty young French men will be sent from France to the United States and Canada to study American commercial methods in large typical banks, factories, and shipping firms, and to become acquainted with the American mind and its principal viewpoints. They will stay a month in the United States, visiting in banks, factories, and shipping offices in New York, universities and spinning mills in Boston, lumber mills and tanneries in Chicago, the government plants and buildings at Washington, iron and steel works at Pittsburgh, the petroleum industry at Philadelphia, grain stores at Baltimore, and culture and business "in general" at St. Louis. Meanwhile fifty young Americans will be doing exactly the same sort of thing in France, with a view of getting a notion about French commercial methods and French points of view. The families and towns on both sides of the Atlantic concerned in this interesting pilgrimage of ambitious youth, pay one-half of the cost and the Chambers of Commerce the other. The students in order to qualify for the trip must have the diploma of a commercial high school or agricultural college, and be able to speak well English and French, respectively.

The choice of students in America will be made by the Franco-American Committee in connection with American Chambers of Commerce, and a similar committee in France will select the most promising French youths for this novel trip. The French youths arriving in New York will be personally conducted in groups by expert American instructors, while the American students in France will receive the same attention of permanent commercial institutes, meant to facilitate commercial information between the two countries.

Peace Proposal Comment

In Jacksonville the president's latest peace note and the manner in which it is being received by European countries occasions varied comment. In a community with a popular sympathy has all along been with the allies. In the present instance, therefore, the president's latest bit of statescraft is occasioning considerable criticism. The view point most generally taken is that the president or Secretary Lansing blundered in declaring that the belligerents were all seeking the same thing. It is this part of the note which seems to have aroused the displeasure of the allies, for it is their claim that they were forced into the war and they are by no means seeking the same end that Germany seeks. Their greatest desire is to bring about peace that will sound the death knell of militarism in Europe and make another such conflict in the future an impossibility.

From the viewpoint of many sympathizers with the allies, Germany in evidencing the present willingness to treat for peace is hard pressed and realizes that while certain gains have been made, that this advantage cannot be maintained. From the unprejudiced view point without a deep

consideration of the great underlying problems of the war, one's first thought is that the warring nations should be ready at any time to discuss peace especially after months of years of fighting and bloodshed. On second thought the refusal of the allies in the present instance to treat for peace would not mean that they did not wish to end the war, but rather that they thought the conflict must continue and grind on if the principles for which they are fighting are to permanently prevail.

It is not beyond reason to believe that the allies have continually gained in strength and organization—that they are getting ready to strike some blow which they believe will be supreme. Perhaps Germany knows the preparation and knows the possibilities,—knows facts and conditions which are not within the knowledge of the neutrals. The world does know when the conflict began Germany, with its vast military organization, was the only one of the belligerents fully prepared and was then at its supreme height of military strength. Not so the allies. They have been compelled to build up their military organizations. So if in the present instance the allies do not receive peace proposals with the cordiality which neutral peoples hoped for, their position must not be looked upon as dictated by wanton stubbornness or conquest for power, but must be viewed in the light of history and with the remembrance of their declared purpose of wiping out militarism in Europe and making a permanent peace possible.

A well known Jacksonville citizen of German ancestry takes this broad-minded view of the situation, and much as he reveres some of Germany's history and characteristics, realizes that for the good of mankind, the German military system which has grown up and developed in the last hundred years must be crushed and wiped out. A peace maker might readily say to two individuals who were fighting, "Oh well, come now, you are both seeking the same end. Let us knock off fighting and discuss the question." But that sort of diplomacy does not seem to fit in to the present complex international situation, with so many conditions underlying the surface.

Rippling Rhymes By WALT MASON

THEY SAY

They say that Smithman spends his life in dodging bills he ought to pay. They say that Biffin beats his wife, and feeds his children bran and hay. They say that Jinx, the dry goods prince, burned down his store, with fell intent. They say that Jasper Julius Quince held up an orphan for a cent. Thus Rumor, with its evil tongue, goes drifting thru the busy mart, and baseless, vicious tales are sprung, which wreck your fame and break your heart. The busy scandal-monger cries, "Of course the yarn may not be true, but still they say that Reuben Wise steals chickens every night or two." Then Reuben, in his native town, becomes a shunned and lonely man; they say he has ruined his renown, and made him outcast from his clan. The scandal-monger drifts along, and makes his old accustomed noise: "They say Jane Juice is going wrong"—she's much too friendly with the boys." Then Jane from social scenes is missed, in every glance she finds a freeze; "They say" has barred her from bridge whist, and banned her from the Purple Teas. Old Reuben has scattered woe and sin and broken hearts, along his way; but he plays second violin, I often think, beside "They Say."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

December 27, 1824—Clinton and Wash County were created, bringing the number of counties up to thirty-three.

\$1.25 alarm clocks going at 65c at Edward D. Heintz's after Christmas jewelry cleanup sale. Read the ad page 10.

HENRY DOHT DEAD IN PEORIA.

Fred Doht of this city is in Peoria on account of the death of his brother, Henry Doht, who passed away after an illness of two years and seven months. The Peoria Journal gives these facts:

"Deceased was born in Quincy, Ill., April 2, 1871, and was 45 years, 8 months and 23 days of age. He was employed in White's foundry for twenty-six years as driller. November 27, 1895, he was married to Miss Georgia Leindeker, who survives him with one daughter, Mrs. Albert Frese and one granddaughter, besides five brothers, Fred Doht of Jacksonville, Herman August, John and Henry Doht of Quincy, and one sister, Mrs. Henry Mohrmann and other relatives. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical church and belonged to the Stove Mounters and Drifters' union.

"The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from August F. Stormers' undertaking rooms, 803 State street. Interment at Graceland cemetery.

ASHLAND MAN WEDS SPRINGFIELD GIRL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26.—Miss Catherine Dolan, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Dolan of this city and Mr. Charles F. Sehy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sehy of Ashland, were married at the bride's home Sunday at 7:30. Mr. Sehy has for a number of years been associated with his father in the Ashland brick and tile factory. He is a member of the Ashland band. They will make their home in Alton.

RECEIVED BOX OF FRUIT.

Mrs. Thomas Willerton was very much pleased Christmas Day to receive a generous box of fine California fruits and nuts. The very acceptable gift came from her son, Jennings Bryan Willerton, who has been for several years a resident of Monrovia, Cal.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Cully Family Reunion.

As has been the custom for over a quarter of a century, a turkey dinner was given Monday, December 25, at the home of O. H. Cully, 279 Sandusky street. The dinner was prepared by Mr. Cully's daughters, Mrs. Eva Strawn and Mrs. A. D. Arnold and was perfect in every detail. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion. In the dining room red and green were the prevailing colors. In the center of the table was a miniature Christmas tree. Mr. Cully is 85 years of age and tho not quite so strong as usual entered fully in the spirit of the day and enjoyed having with him his brother and sister, children and grandchildren.

Those present were: Mr. O. H. Cully his brother and sister Mr. Irvin Cully and Miss Lide Cully, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cully, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cully and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar and family, Mrs. Eva Strawn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cully, Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Ator and Miss Edith Ticknor.

Family Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Huff entertained Christmas day at their home, the children being present. Those there were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Huff, Mr. and Mrs. John Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Huff and son and Mr. and Mrs. William McLean and daughter. All departed at late hour expressing themselves as having had a most enjoyable day, especially in the eating of the dinner their mother had cooked.

Christmas Party

At Boyd Home
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyd and daughter entertained Christmas day at their home three miles east of the city. The home was tastefully decorated in Christmas colors and presented a very attractive appearance.

At 12:30 o'clock dinner was served and the menu included turkey and all the other things which usually have a place on the dining table. The children's table was prettily decorated and included a miniature Christmas tree as a centerpiece. After all had done justice to the dinner, the guests assembled in the parlor where the little ones recited Christmas pieces.

At 2:30 o'clock the guests were invited into an adjoining room where a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree was displayed. In due time Santa Claus arrived in an automobile and brought with him a large sack of toys for the children and distributed presents from the tree for everybody. Several hours were spent in a social way then the guests departed for their homes with pleasant recollections of the day.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyd, daughter Fannie; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Davies, daughters, Mary Adelia and Eunice Marie; Mr. James Baker, daughters Alice and Martinet; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cook, daughters Martha and Mable, sons Ralph and Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. Egan Davies, sons Clifford and Roscoe, and Mr. Roy White of Farmersville, Ill.

Wintermelon for Christmas.

Samuel Henry entertained relatives at a family dinner Christmas day. A fine menu was served and the holiday enjoyed. Among the other delicacies was a 20 pound watermelon which Mr. Henry had buried in the oat bin last fall and saved for Christmas.

Gave Christmas Dinner for Relatives

In accordance with an annual custom, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Brown entertained a number of friends at dinner Monday at their home, 653 East State street. The event this year was in honor of Miss Lucille Murray and Russel Knight of Virginia, who are to be married January 2. The dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by those present and the hours afterward were spent in a pleasant social manner. The guests included Mrs. E. E. Murray, Mrs. J. C. Rexroat, Mrs. T. C. Dinwiddie, Misses Irene, Lucille and Helen Murray, Misses Mabelle and Rena Rexroat, Messrs. S. W. Dinwiddie, H. Naumann, Peoria; R. Knight, A. Lewis, G. Fisher and A. Murray, all of Virginia.

Gave Family Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dunlap gave a family dinner Christmas day at their home at Dunlap Springs. All of the family were present except A. G. Dunlap of New Orleans and Miss Jennie Louise Dunlap of Kansas City a granddaughter. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dunlap, Miss Olivia Dunlap, Miss Ruth Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dunlap, daughters Alda and Esther, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dunlap and daughters, Bertha, Dicie, and Harriet and son Howard Dunlap and Ralph Osterholt of Chicago.

Boylan Family in Annual Reunion

The annual family dinner of the Boylan family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Boylan, 826 South East street Christmas day. All of the children with the exception of Frank of Aberdeen, Ohio, were present. The Boylan home was tastefully decorated for the occasion in keeping with the Christmas season. At noon an excellent dinner was served. During the afternoon the house was turned over to the young folk and there were many callers during the afternoon and a pleasant social time was had by the children visiting with Jacksonville friends.

At Harvey Home.

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harvey entertained a large number of relatives and friends at the home west of Merritt. At noon a sumptuous dinner was served to all present. In the evening when a signal of music was given, all marched into a room beautifully decorated with garland and Christmas bells. The children were greatly surprised

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at the sight of Santa and the Christmas tree. A program was given by the little folks which consisted of music and recitations. Then the many presents were taken off the tree and distributed. An oyster supper was served which was greatly enjoyed.

You can get an Elgin jewel watch, value \$15, at \$7.35 at Edward D. Heintz's after Christmas jewelry cleanup sale. See ad, page 10.

YOUNGBLOOD PRAIRIE

Leonard Dalton and family spent Christmas with E. A. Whitlock and family of Decatur.

Harry Fanning was a Springfield visitor one day this week. Charles Bolton is enjoying a visit this week from his daughter and family of Chicago.

Edgar Morris who has been employed in northern Iowa has come home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morris.

A good many attended the Lewis Hicks sale of the south side Friday and report good prices generally.

The public schools closed Friday for the holidays and will begin Jan. first. A nice treat of candy, oranges and apples was given the children by Chester Colton, principal, and Miss Jennie McCracken, primary.

The young people of the neighborhood enjoyed a dance at the home of Bert Barber of Nortonville Friday night.

NOTICE—FARM FOR SALE.

The Milton Harney Homestead Farm, 3 miles south of Jacksonville, 1 lot on Grove street, 1 lot on Greenwood Ave., will be sold at public auction at the south door of the Court House, Saturday, Dec. 30, at two o'clock p. m.

Robert L. Harney, Administrator.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Funeral services for Mrs. Verla Waffel will be held from Mt. Emory Baptist church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in charge of the Rev. E. L. Scruggs. Burial will be in Jacksonville cemetery.

SHIPPED CATTLE.

J. W. McCallister shipped a car load of hogs to the St. Louis market Tuesday.

Miss Isabel Outman of St. Louis came yesterday for a holiday week visit with her cousin, Miss Dorothy Farrell, and to be present at Miss Farrell's party tonight.

ENTERTAINMENT NOT GIVEN

The Christmas entertainment announced for the M. C. church at Alexander was not given as some objection to the program was raised by officers of the church.

LICENSED TO MARRY

Carl Gaddis, Alton; Hazel Rickey, Chapin.

Mrs. M. L. Hildreth and daughter, Lulubele, have been spending several days with relatives in Edina, Mo.

WILL ASSIST AT CHURCH DEDICATION

Rev. C. T. Caywood of this city left Tuesday afternoon for a short visit with relatives in Waverly. From there he will go to take part in the dedication Friday of the Panther Creek Baptist church in the vicinity of Modesto. It was while Rev. Mr. Caywood was pastor of the church twenty years ago that the original church was built. It has recently been remodeled and is in prosperous condition. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Rev. Fason, pastor of the Baptist church at Panama.

Rev. Mr. Caywood expects to thoroughly enjoy the renewing of old acquaintances and visiting with old time friends.

SERVICES AT STATE HOSPITAL.

Rev. J. G. Kuppel of Salem Lutheran church held services in German at Jacksonville State Hospital Monday afternoon. The services were well attended by patients and attendants a number of whom are Germans. Mrs. Robert L. Seice sang "The Christmas Herald" and "Glory to God."

NOTICE

All claims against the city must be filed not later than Thursday, Dec. 28, in order to provide for their payment in the early part of the coming year.

William F. Widmayer, Commissioner of Accounts and Finances.

VISITORS FROM MICHIGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stewart of Traverse City, Mich., are holiday visitors in Jacksonville. Mr. Stewart is known to quite a large number of Jacksonville people as he is assistant general manager of the Traverse City, Leelanau & Manistee railroad.

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CITY AND COUNTY

Frank P. Taylor has gone to Salisaw, Oklahoma, where he has real estate interests.

S. E. Bull of Franklin was an Xmas visitor in the city.

M. W. Maloney of Decatur is visiting friends in the city.

Dean Antrobus of Chapin made a business trip to the city yesterday.

James McGrath of Murrayville was a visitor yesterday with city friends.

Isaac Jaeger of the vicinity of Merritt was a city arrival yesterday.

George Coe enjoyed Xmas with friends in Winchester.

C. H. Davis of Beardstown was a visitor with city friends yesterday.

George Brown of Franklin made a business trip to the city yesterday.

Dan Gorman of Waverly visited the city yesterday.

Daniel Shields of Chicago is visiting relatives in the city.

George Luken of New Berlin was a city visitor yesterday.

Misses Norma and Leone Dawson are visiting friends in St. Louis.

Carl Rousey of Murrayville was a city visitor yesterday.

Lambertville Rubbers at Hopper's.

Mrs. W. T. Curtis of Beardstown enjoyed Xmas in the city.

Orville Foster of Prentice paid the city a visit yesterday.

B. D. Davenport of Alexander was a city caller yesterday.

R. Haynes of Franklin was a caller on city friends yesterday.

Everett Hayercroft of Pisgah precinct visited the city Xmas day.

A. C. Foster of the northeast part of the county was a city caller yesterday.

Mrs. Henry Taylor of Arnold was a shopper with city merchants yesterday.

John W. Sheehan of Springfield is visiting relatives in the city for a few days.

Ralph W. Baer of Monticello was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

J. B. Parkes of Franklin was attending to business matters in the city yesterday.

H. B. Dixon of Chambersburg was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Anderson Richter of the southeast part of the county was attending to affairs in the city yesterday.

Charles Wright of Roodhouse was attending to business matters in the city yesterday.

Armstrong's 25c Grab Sale starts today at 9 o'clock.

Henry Virgin of Virginia was a caller on Jacksonville friends yesterday.

Hobart Taylor of Waverly was attending to business matters in the city yesterday.

Tom W. Allen of Leavenworth, Kans., spent Christmas in the city with relatives.

Jess McCarty of Flint, Mich., is in the city spending the holidays with relatives.

Newton Farron of Kampsville was numbered among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

H. J. Hesley of Pittsfield was attending to business matters in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. J. N. Jarman of Franklin was attending to business in the city yesterday.

George Corrigan of New Berlin was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

H. H. Chapman of New Berlin was a Tuesday business visitor in the city.

Benjamin Davenport of Alexander was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Henry Slack of Franklin was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Obermeyer's 25c Grab Sale will start today.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan of Franklin was a city shopper yesterday.

George Corrigan of New Berlin was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Misses Mary and Nettie Reeder of Chicago visited their sister, in this city Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roach are visiting Mrs. J. T. Roach on East North street.

Wm. Keefe of Rock Island is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Keefe on West North street.

Miss Laura Boylan has returned to Bloomington after a holiday visit with home friends.

Misses Minnie Wyatt and Clara Devlin came down from Springfield to enjoy the holiday Monday.

Wayne Wright of Carrollton spent Sunday visiting the Crouch family on Finley street.

Edgar Austin of Chicago is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Austin on Railroad street.

Van Osborne of Indianapolis is visiting his sister, Miss Dorothy, of this city.

Edgar McGinnis of Decatur is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McGinnis on East North street.

Elmer Lukeman went to Springfield Monday to attend a sorority dance given at the Leland hotel.

William Harnick of the east part of Scott county was a caller on city friends yesterday.

George Richardson of the vicinity of the Point was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Max Gehring of the force at Tom Duffner's clothing store is ill, threatened with pneumonia.

G. E. Mullens of Concord was added to the list of city callers yesterday.

Herman Engelbach of Arenzville was attending to affairs in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Haddock enjoyed Sunday and Monday with friends in Whitehall.

Jeremiah Sullivan of New Berlin was attending to affairs in the city yesterday.

Miss Catharine O'Brien has gone to Centuria to visit her sister, Mrs. James Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride of Springfield came here for a Christmas visit with relatives.

A. O. Harris of the vicinity of Orleans gave his wife a Cadillac car for a Christmas present.

Allinson Thomason of the vicinity of Markham was a business caller in the city yesterday.

Everett Whistler has returned from a visit with his friend Elmer Lukeman at Franklin.

Scott Davenport and son were up to the city from the vicinity of Franklin yesterday.

A. D. Hill of Franklin was one of the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Henry Bursick of the southwest part of the county was a caller in the city yesterday.

Charles Brown of Waverly was one of the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Ora Wilson of the vicinity of Pisgah was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Frank Ryan of Franklin was a business caller in the city yesterday.

Louis Brunk of Virginia was a business caller in the city yesterday.

C. E. Sieber of Petersburg was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Miss Ruth Tefft of the Woolworth store is kept at home by the illness of her sister Miss Vesta at their residence on North Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Davis and daughter of Griggsville are visiting at the home of E. L. Kinney on South Prairie street.

Miss Mollie Harris of the force at the Floreth dry goods house, enjoyed Christmas with her parents, in Pisgah.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spink most happily entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. Spink's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ego Spink and family.

A. W. Dodge of Davenport, Iowa, has arrived in the city to join his wife, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. L. Ator on Caldwell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lukeman and children enjoyed Xmas with Mrs. Lukeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baum of Springfield.

Miss Esta Brown left yesterday morning for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Thompson and other relatives in Lafayette, Indiana.

Herbert Dewitt, J. C. Quinn and I. T. Sigmore of Vincennes, Ind., were in the city yesterday on business.

Walter Woodmen, who is ground keeper for the Peoria Three Eye league has returned from Peoria, where he has been for the past nine months.

Dr. Willerton received from a friend in Kansas City three jack rabbit heads with ears about eight inches long.

Joel B. Joaquin of St. Louis spent Christmas in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Joaquin, and other relatives. He returned to St. Louis Tuesday afternoon.

Prof. J. G. Ames of Illinois college expected to start last night for a tour of New York, Washington and other eastern points to be absent about ten days.

Rev. F. M. Crabtree, wife and two sons were in the city yesterday on their way home to White Hall after enjoying the holiday at Litchfield.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardwick of Merritt enjoyed a visit Monday and yesterday with the family of Ivan Wood of Pisgah and returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thompson and daughter, Mary Isabelle of Monticello, Ill., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Thompson's father, H. H. Knollenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirkpatrick are guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkpatrick on Webster avenue. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a son of Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick. They will return home today.

Roy Woods has returned to Chicago after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woods, 844 West College avenue. His wife will remain for a longer visit.

James W. Miller of Decatur was here on business yesterday and was a guest at the home of his brother, J. Marshall Miller.

Mrs. Ralph Crawley and children are down from Chicago for a visit with Mrs. Crawley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Norris and family, on Kosciusko street.

H. L. Caldwell left yesterday for Salem, Ill., on business connected with the drainage engineering contract he has there.

Leslie W. Harvey returned to his home in Keokuk, Iowa, Tuesday after spending Christmas with his parents, Mrs. Harvey and son James will remain for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Self and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Megginson and children took Christmas dinner with J. Frank Kitter of South Jacksonville.

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Miss Daisy Rayhill is enjoying the holiday vacation with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Rayhill on Westminster street. This afternoon she expects to go to visit her sister, Mrs. J. P. Brown at Pleasant Plains and thence to Springfield for a short stay with her brother, J. H. Rayhill Jr.

Rev. Joseph L. Anderson and wife of Sheridan Roads Methodist church Chicago, are guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkpatrick, over Christmas.

Mrs. Anderson is a sister of Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick. They will return home Thursday.

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REGARD NOTE AS STEP TOWARD PEACE

(Continued from Page 1.)

indication of what would confront the delegates.

Germany's proposal for an immediate meeting of delegates at a neutral place is received as admittedly much more specific than the original proposal to enter forth into peace negotiations and to go even farther than President Wilson's suggestion "that sounding be taken."

This alone is singled out by those who regard the reply as a step toward peace despite the repeated declaration of allied statesmen, that it was impossible without a statement of Germany's terms. They expect these two positions apparently far apart to be reconciled by the art of diplomacy. How far the United States can or will be concerned in that can only be decided by President Wilson. Officials assume that Germany expects the United States to inform her enemies of her reply.

Two features of the note beclouded the situation slightly and caused some concern among officials here. The first was the giving out of the text in Berlin before it had opportunity to reach Washington and the other was the connection of the reply with the original German peace proposal. President Wilson went to great pains in his note to disavow any association or influence with this proposal and the association in the German reply was somewhat disquieting to officials.

Pending receipt of the official text attention turns to the reply of the entente governments.

You'll have to hurry. Men's \$1.25 cuff links now 35c at Edward D. Heintz's after Christmas cleanup sale of jewelry.

NEW COMMISSION

REPLACES FORD BODY
THE HAGUE, Dec. 26.—The recent moves toward bringing about a discussion of peace have resulted in the substitution for the Ford neutral conference for continuous mediation, of a new international commission, with ratifications in Europe and the United States.

The membership of the commission will comprise prominent politicians, diplomats and theoreticians, and its task will be to obtain intelligent ideas as to the conditions for a lasting peace. The headquarters will remain at The Hague.

Louis P. Lochner of Chicago will continue as secretary of the commission.

WOULD STIMULATE STUDY OF CHURCH HISTORY

New York, Dec. 26.—Establishment of an endowment fund of \$100,000 to stimulate scholarship in church history in this country was advocated by the Rev. O. H. Pannkoek, executive secretary of the New York reformation quadrilateral committee at the annual meeting of the American society of church history here today.

David Schley Schiff of Pittsburgh, Pa., a professor in the western theological seminary, was elected president of the society.

TO OFFER STOCK AT 107.

New York, Dec. 26.—The officers and employees of the United States Steel corporation and its subsidiaries will have opportunity this year to subscribe for not more than 35,000 shares of the corporation's common stock at \$107 the directors decided today. A year ago, the subscription price to employees was \$85.

LIFT MILK EMBARGO.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—Cleveland's milk embargo was lifted late tonight when dealers and producers compromised on a flat wholesale rate of 2 1/2 cents a gallon, commencing January 1.

Milk shipments in this territory will be resumed tomorrow. The new agreement was reached tonight at a meeting of producers and dealers.

WEALTHY TIMBER OWNER DIES

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—Uriel L. Clark, 62 years old, owner of extensive tracts of timber lands throughout the United States, died here tonight.

EXPLAINS PURPOSE OF COMING CONFERENCE

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The secretary of state for the colonies has sent a telegram to the dominions explaining the purpose of the forthcoming imperial conference announced by Premier Lloyd-George. The telegram says that what the government contemplates is not an ordinary imperial conference but a special war conference of the empire.

The prime minister of each of the dominions is "invited to attend a series of special meetings of the war cabinet in order to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war, possible conditions on which, in agreement with our allies, we could assent to its termination and problems which would then immediately arise."

The premiers are urged to attend at an early date, not later than the end of February.

SELECT FOUR JURORS TO TRY F. I. SMALL

OSSEPIE, N. H., Dec. 26.—Four of the jurors who are to listen to the testimony in the trial of Frederick I. Small, a former Boston-broker, charged with the murder of his wife, Florence Arlene Small were selected today.

Small is charged with having killed his wife Sept. 28. In his preliminary examination the state sought information concerning a joint insurance policy on his own life and that of his wife that called for the payment of \$20,000 to either in case of the death of the other.

CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS FIGHT

Honolulu, Dec. 26.—Civilians and soldiers mixed here tonight in a free-for-all fight in streets filled with holiday crowds. Three soldiers were arrested and three companions attempted to "clean out" the police department. One policeman was badly beaten. Order was restored by army officers.

THACKARA ANNOUNCES DAUGHTER'S ENGAGEMENT

Paris, Dec. 26.—Alexander M. Thackara, the American consul general announces the engagement of his daughter Eleanor Sherman Thackara to Frederick Caldwell, of Washington, D. C. The wedding will take place toward the end of January at Boston.

TO MAKE JOFFRE MARSHAL OF FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 26.—The government has decided to raise General Joffre to the dignity of Marshal of France in recognition of his eminent services to the country. A decree nominating him will be submitted for the ratification of parliament as soon as possible.

PRESENT SWEDISH NOTE.

London, Dec. 27.—The Daily Telegraph says it understands a Swedish note, identical in purport with the note of the Swiss government concerning President Wilson's initiative has been presented to the belligerent countries.

RUSH TROOPER TO FRISCO.

Calixco, Cal., Dec. 26.—Scott Redfield, a private in Troop B of Portland, Ore., who was shot thru the side here today by a Mexican was being rushed to a hospital in San Francisco late today. His chances for recovery were reported to be slight. According to Captains White and Houck, Redfield was seeking his residence and got into the wrong house.

ARREST PRIVATE MACANESPIE.

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 26.—Private John Macanespie, Battery D, first Minnesota artillery, was arrested today and turned over to the military authorities here in connection with the killing last Wednesday of Private John Natchests of Battery D. Natchests was shot during a quarrel for the possession of a dollar during a gambling game.

OBREGON LEAVES QUERETARO.

Queretaro, Mex., Dec. 26.—After a long conference with General Carranza and General Pablo Gonzales, General Obregon left Queretaro tonight. It is reported that he has gone north to take command of the campaign against Villa, but this is unconfirmed. General Gonzales has returned to Mexico City.

LONDON PAPERS PRINT GERMAN REPLY

Second Edition of Morning Papers Give It Great Prominence—Mail Terms It "German Peace Dodge"

London, Dec. 27.—Germany's reply to President Wilson on the peace question, as transmitted by the Associated Press correspondent at Berlin to New York and re-transmitted here, did not reach London until too late for comment, or even for insertion in the earliest morning editions of the London papers. It is printed with great prominence however in the second editions, credited to The Associated Press.

The only present indication of its reception here is furnished by the Daily Mail's headline:

"German Peace Dodge."

The introductory note in the Mail says:

"If President Wilson meant, as recent American comment contended, that his note should force Germany to state her terms, Germany has countered with this proposal so that she can evade an explicit answer."

It is a coincidence that Great Britain's invitation to the dominion premiers to attend a war conference not later than February to consider questions affecting the prosecution of the war forms the main feature for the morning papers.

Rich American cut glass bowls \$2.95, worth \$5 to \$7, Edward D. Heintz's after Christmas jewelry cleanup sale. See the ad on page 10.

CONCORD

Mrs. L. F. Bayless had the misfortune to slip and fall Friday night as she was returning from the Christian church entertainment. She has a sprained knee which will keep her laid up for a time.

The Christmas entertainments at the three churches were well attended and the children performed their parts in the usual creditable manner and received their treats, which made them happy.

Our public schools are all closed for a week and the teachers are taking Christmas at home.

Misses Ruth Henderson and Elsie Gray, students at Eureka, are home for the holidays. They came Sunday morning to Chapin.

W. C. Brockhouse had a family dinner Christmas day. Their children and families came for the reunion.

Minister L. M. Mullikin preached his farewell sermon Sunday and will load his goods as soon as he can get a car.

Minister C. G. Cantrell had no regular appointment for next Sunday and kindly offered to fill Brother Mullikin's last appointment here and the offer was accepted, so next Sunday Brother Cantrell will preach at the regular hours.

Clyde Gray has been visiting at Franklin. After the holidays he will go back there for an extended visit with his grandfather.

Walter Brockhouse, from White Hall and Omer Brockhouse from near Mercedosa, were home for Christmas.

J. E. Whorton has been sick several days but is about well again.

Loyce Plank is having to stay out of school on account of his eyes. His mother intends taking him to an eye specialist in Jacksonville.

T. N. Bowe and family have gone back to Chambersburg to stay till spring when they will locate on the C. H. Yergenah farm, three and a half miles southwest of here.

Deputy County Clerk Edgar Cooper was home for Christmas.

—MORGAN—

Miss Edna Hutchies of Bloomington is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchies.

Walter Williams and Gordon Sweetart were visitors in Jacksonville Friday night and Saturday where they went as members of the Chapin high school basketball team.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Finson, George and John Anderson were business visitors to Jacksonville Saturday.

Miss Leta Robe is spending a few days with relatives in Azenville.

Athol Garner and Misses Modia Coulson and Aileen Omen were Quincey visitors Saturday.

H. O. Smith lost a calf one day last week of corn stalk poisoning.

BRESNAHAN SIGNS HARTZELL.

Toledo, O., Dec. 26.—Roger Bresnahan, manager of the local American association baseball club announced today that he had signed Roy Hartzell, former captain of the New York Americans to play third base for Toledo.

MME. DE THEBES DIES.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Madame de Thebes famous as a clairvoyant died Sunday at her country residence in Meung-sur-Loire aged seventy two years.

WILL RECEIVE INCREASE.

New York, Dec. 26.—More than 300 officers and employees of the American Museum of Natural History will receive an increase of 10 percent in wages, the trustees announced today.

FALL CAUSES DEATH.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 26.—Thos. Kearney, formerly steward of the Riverside club, Elgin, Ill., is dead here as the result of a fall. He is said to have slipped on a sidewalk and fractured his skull.

TWO BROTHERS CONFESS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Richard and Frank Chapin, brothers, who were arrested three weeks ago charged with systematic robbery of the United States mails, pleaded guilty in federal district court today to a charge of illegal possession of mail pouch keys. Richard was sentenced to sixteen months in Elmira reformatory and Frank fifteen months.

UNCOVER WIDE TRAFFIC IN SALE OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Drake States Many Indictments Involving Charges May Be Expected Soon

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26.—A wide traffic in the sale of fraudulent medical school credits has been uncovered by the Illinois state board of health in its campaign against alleged dealers in fraudulent diplomas and medical certificates, according to Dr. C. St. Clair Drake. Many indictments embodying these charges may be expected within a few weeks, Dr. Drake said today.

This announcement follows the indictment last week in Chicago of 11 persons on charges of selling fake diplomas and guaranteeing medical certificates.

Some students have paid as high as \$500 for one and two year credits in medical college in order to complete their medical courses in one or two years. These fake credits were purported to be given in schools which have passed out of existence. The perpetrators of the frauds, Dr. Drake states, even went so far as to enter the supposed credits on the records of the defunct colleges.

These disclosures, it is stated, provide the next step in the campaign of the state board to rid Illinois of illegal commerce in medical diplomas and certificates, which, Dr. Drake states, has made this state "the plague spot of the medical world."

GIVES NORWAY'S VIEW OF PEACE DISCUSSIONS

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen today says Dr. Mowinkel president of the Norwegian Storting, during an interview on his country's attitude concerning peace discussions declared that Norway, in common with the whole neutral world had greeted the idea of peace "as one greets the dawn of day after a stormy night."

"Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg's latest utterances so far as they referred to the future relations between nations," Dr. Mowinkel added, "were similar to the statements in that respect made by President Wilson and Viscount Grey the former British foreign minister and I therefore hope that the possibility of finding a common basis for negotiations is not far distant."

From the recent speech of David Lloyd-George, the British premier, Dr. Mowinkel said he gained the impression that the reply of the entente allies did not exclude further peace discussions.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brubeck and family, of Beardstown, and Miss Wilma Emerich of Jacksonville spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. L. A. Hymes.

Miss Clarice Rearick is spending the Christmas vacation with home folks here.

Mrs. John Wilburn has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Hill have gone to Birmingham, Ala., to spend a few weeks with their son, Oliver Hill and family.

Mrs. Albert Holmes and children and Miss Rose Casey, of Springfield, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mrs. Sarah E. Hasbun and sons of St. Louis spent Christmas here. They returned home Monday evening accompanied by Mrs. Rebecca Baldwin who will spend the winter with them.

Mrs. Arden Stout died at her home here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock after one week's illness of pneumonia, at the age of 37 years. She leaves two small children. Funeral services will be held at the Ashland M. E. church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment will be in the Ashland cemetery.

Miss Lorine McDaniel is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bingham of Sinclair.

Glenn Holmes is visiting relatives at Springfield this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adinson Beiler of Arkansas, are spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Beiler's mother, Mrs. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith are the parents of a little son, born Sunday, Dec. 17, 1916, Robert Noah Smith.

Miss Gertrude Lyons is very sick.

BERNSTORFF DECLINES TO COMMENT.

New York, Dec. 26.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador declined tonight on his arrival here from Washington to comment on the text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note.

TROOPS ENROUTE HOME

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 26.—Reports from Vineta, Okla., tonight said the engineering corps of the Iowa National Guard, the last unit of Iowa troops ordered back from the border, passed thru there tonight and is due here tomorrow.

WILL NOT FORCE MATTERS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Information reached here today from Teheran, the capital of Persia that Russia had decided not to force matters with that country, but to gain control thru slow processes designed to inspire less hostility than harsher measures.

RECEIVES LARGE ORDER.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry company announced tonight that it had received a \$500,000 order for cast iron pipe for the Argentina government.

PEORIA BUYS RAPP

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 26.—President Ryan of the Peoria Club announced today the purchase of Second Base-man Goldie Rapp from the St. Joseph club of the Western League.

GIBBONS ACCEPTS OFFER.

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—A local fight promoter announced today receipt of a telegram from Mike Gibbons' manager at St. Paul, accepting the offer of a New Orleans club for a fight here during February with Les Darcy, Australian middleweight. A \$15,000 purse was offered.



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HICKORY GROVE

Miss Lena Brooks was absent from school a few days last week on account of sickness.

William J. McDonald, "North Oak avenue," enjoyed a hunting trip to E. V. Francis's of the north part of the county last Thursday.

Last Thursday evening Josh Victoria, a prominent farmer of this vicinity was visited by some horse thieves. He was aroused by their while they were passing over a small culvert near his house. He called to his boys and all went out to the barn well armed with flash lights, lanterns, shot guns and revolvers, to investigate the noise and when they came to the barn they found a valuable mare and colt had been removed. While looking about the barn a man was seen passing out through the opposite side and some of his boys fired, and the thieves became frightened as supposed and turned the mare and colt loose about a quarter of a mile away and drove on.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Raygon of the city spent a few days last week with Earl Bowen and family.

Some of the "Groves" visitors in the city Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald and family, Frank Brown, Earl Bowen and family, Tony Fernandes, Mrs. Sallie Hoagland and sons, Ernest and Warren; Mrs. Thomas Brooks on "West Capital avenue"; Mrs. James Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Carpenter and sons, J. M. Fernandes, Amos, Fred and David Vierey called on Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brooks and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowen gave a Christmas dinner for a number of friends and relatives. Some of the guests were: William Bowen and family of Litterberry, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bourn of Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Bourn and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Bourn and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Raygon of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woods and family of Pisgah spent Christmas with home folks.

"Old Hickory Grove" now stands on its last July foundation.

No pretty white moss on its nearby plantation.

All the little chaps taking their vacation.

Out of their reach, their pretty school maid.

In one more week back in a happy raid.

And by that time a six inch snow they might wade.

It is well to remember that once her nearby plantation was a hickory grove, but now there are but a few old stumps around to prove her original name. J. W. Gibbins at the time these trees were cleared transplanted a few little twigs and today they are large trees and in the early fall those chaps make good use of their shade. There are a few nearby maple groves, but still Hickory won't change its name.

FIND AXE WITH WHICH FAMILY WAS KILLED

MENDEN, La., Dec. 26.—The axe with which John Nelson Reeves, his wife and their two children are believed to have been murdered in their home near here Christmas night was found today by searchers about half a mile from the scene of the quadruple crime. Nine negroes are being held as suspects. The belief is strong here, however, that a white man was involved in the crime.

Minden is quiet tonight.

PUPILS STAY AWAY FROM SCHOOL.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 26.—As their answer to the school board's decision in not granting a Christmas vacation of one week, 15,000 school children of the 22,000 enrolled in the public schools of this city, remained away from sessions today.

EXPLOSION KILLS ONE

South Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 26.—One man killed and the blast furnace department of the Bethlehem steel company was damaged to the extent of about \$75,000 here today by an explosion in the gas scrubbing section. Two buildings were demolished.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by a break in one of the water mains.

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BLUFFS NEWS NOTES.

Bluffs, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Claypool spent Christmas in Keokuk, Ia., returning home in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Van Hynning and baby are suffering from an attack of scarlet fever. There are four families under quarantine on account of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Curtis have returned from Petersburg, where they spent from Saturday until Tuesday morning with relatives.

Frank Lacey of Chatham spent Monday with Miss Estelle Van Hynning.

The pupils of the Lutheran Sunday school rendered a very fine program at the church Sunday night. The program lasted one hour and forty minutes and consisted mainly of recitations and songs of the little ones, most of which were in English. Every recitation and song spoke of Christ or the Christ child and the entire program was intensely religious and very beautiful.

Miss Veta Mueller gave an entertainment and Christmas tree at the Maple Grove school house southwest of town Friday afternoon which was greatly enjoyed by the children. She re-opened school Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Sanford left Tuesday for their home in Washington, D. C., after a week's visit with relatives southwest of town.

Miss Belle Vannier who is attending school at Normal is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Vannier.

Miss Bessie Smith has returned to Quincy after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith, southwest of town.

Elmer Thorn of St. Louis is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Maggie Thorn.

Charles Brooks of Slaughter, Ky., is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. B. G. Fraser and family.

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MANY GATHERED FOR FUNERAL OF MRS. ANGEL

Services Were Held Tuesday Afternoon at Ebenezer Church—Ministers Eulogized Long and Useful Life.

The remains of Mrs. Susan Angel came to Jacksonville Monday evening over the Wabash and were taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Black, on West College avenue. There a brief service was conducted early Tuesday afternoon by Rev. E. L. Fletcher, pastor of Centenary church where Mrs. Angel had for many years held her membership. From the residence the funeral cortege moved to Ebenezer church, where services were in charge of Dr. F. A. McCarthy, Rev. W. S. Phillips and Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick.

Several hymns were sung by a quartet consisting of Mrs. J. Edgar Martin, Miss Ella Blackburn, Messrs. Charles W. Rowe and Charles Patterson. A solo, "One Sweetly Solenm Thought," was sung by Mrs. Helen Logenbaugh of Meequa. The many beautiful flowers were in charge of Misses Nina Flynn, Mary and Irene Black and Elsie Cully. Interment was in the cemetery near the church and the bearers were Messrs. John Cully, Albert Cully, James Jordan, J. Edgar Martin, Charles Bridgman and Carl Martin.

Likened to Shock of Corn.

In conducting the services Dr. McCarthy took as his text Job 5-26, "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in in his season." The minister had chosen the text because he thought it especially appropriate in referring to a life of eighty nine years, so much of it spent in active good work. He said that time is necessary for the best development of character. There are many excellent young people and others still older who have grown in grace and goodness, but for the highest type of perfection a long period of years is essential. He said it was so with Mrs. Angel, who had gone to her heavenly reward "full of years and good works."

"A shock of corn is ready for the harvester when it is full of fruits, and it is so with a long life, which has been spent in righteous living. Such a life is fruitful in things worth while and life is ready for the reaper because of the things accomplished and the good done to family, friends and the world at large. The shock of corn is ready because it has passed through certain stages of development and because it is fully matured and the days have been accomplished for completing its growth. Mrs. Angel was ready for that final hour. She had been ready for years and to her the final summons came as a call home, a call for life everlasting and eternal reward."

Thoughtful for Others.
Rev. W. S. Phillips of Centenary church, formerly pastor of Ebenezer church and long an intimate friend of Mrs. Angel, spoke words of personal eulogy. The minister was familiar with Mrs. Angel's strength of character and her desire to do good and to always walk uprightly. As characteristic of her charity and her never ending desire to be helpful to others, Mr. Phillips told of visiting the deceased when she was in a Decatur hospital a year or two since. He took her flowers and immediately after expressing thanks she asked that the flowers be divided among others in the ward. The act was characteristic of Mrs. Angel's whole life. Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick read various suitable passages of scripture and the services as a whole were of a very impressive kind.

You can buy a \$2.25 gold cameo stick pin for 80c at Edward D. Heintz's after Christmas jewelry clean up sale. See the big ad, page 10.

WAVERLY WON GAME FROM AUBURN

Visitors Were Outclassed at Every Point and Score was 32 to 3—Busy Week for Waverly

Waverly, Dec. 26.—Waverly township high school won from Auburn high at Waverly Tuesday night by a score of 32 to 3. Waverly outclassed Auburn and the game in the opinion of the spectators was the poorest played on the Waverly floor this season. Waverly not being up to her usual form, Waverly will spend a busy week. She plays Diverson Wednesday night, Pittsfield Friday and Virginia Saturday night. All of the games will be played at Waverly. The score:

	FG.	FT.	Tot.
Waverly	15	2	32
Auburn	3	1	7

	FG.	FT.	Tot.
Laird, H.	0	1	1
McLaughlin	1	0	2
Harnes, C.	0	0	0
McElvaine, I.	0	0	0
Harris, R.	0	0	0
Totals	15	2	32

Referee, Alford, Illinois College; timekeeper, Williams, Waverly; scorekeepers, Swift, Waverly, Homer Reynolds, Jacksonville.

NOTICE

All parties knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned will please call and settle either by cash or note before Jan. 1, 1917, as we retire from business on that date.
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Dr. F. A. Norris has gone to Rock Valley, Iowa, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. He expects to return about the first of the year.

MATRIMONIAL

Beddingfield-Claussen

The marriage of Merle H. Beddingfield of Concord and Miss Lela M. Claussen of this city occurred Christmas night at the home of Dr. F. A. McCarthy, who performed the ceremony. The young people left that evening for a visit in Springfield and St. Louis and after their return to Morgan county will live in Concord precinct.

The bride, who has been teaching a school near Concord, expects to finish the term. She has been teaching for several years in Morgan county and has the high esteem of all who know her. Mr. Beddingfield is a successful young farmer and auctioneer. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beddingfield and has lived in Concord vicinity all his life. Mr. and Mrs. Beddingfield will later begin housekeeping on a farm near Concord and will begin their married life in a very happy way.

Gillis-Rickey

Carl Giddis of Alton and Miss Hazel Rickey of Chapin were married Monday at the court house by Rev. J. W. Priest. The groom is a machine operator in the Western Cartridge works of Alton. His bride has been for some years a resident in the Bethel neighborhood. The young couple left for their new home on the Tuesday morning train.

MORTUARY

Vieira

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Vieira was held at the family residence in Springfield Tuesday with services in charge of Rev. H. M. Hildebrandt, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church. Mrs. Vieira, who is quite well known in Jacksonville, died Saturday at the age of twenty three. She had been ill for a number of weeks.

DeFreitas

John DeFreitas of Springfield died at a local hospital Monday from a complication of diseases. The deceased had been in ill health for two weeks since his condition became serious. Mr. DeFreitas was a son of Mrs. Mary G. DeFreitas of 1039 North Ninth street, Springfield, and was born in that city May 28, 1886. The deceased leaves his wife, Mrs. Anna DeFreitas, two sons, Ted and John DeFreitas; also his mother, Mrs. Mary DeFreitas; two brothers, Benjamin of DeKalb, Ill., and Louis of Canton, O.; and one sister, Mrs. William Gomes of Springfield.

ZION.

Mrs. Cal Hart spent Sunday with Mrs. Marie Osborne of Murrayville. Those who were entertained at the home of Mrs. Osborne Sunday were Cal Hart, Misses Stella Covington, Lydia Hart, Ivalon Gibson, Morris and Will Hart and Melbie Douglas.

Miss Loretta Maloney of Jacksonville is spending her vacation with home folks.

The family of John Short are confined to their home by the measles. Robert Straight and sisters, Misses Lucile and Edith Straight of Jacksonville, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Irene Breckon.

Mrs. John Barker, Thomas Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Covington and son Roy and daughter Miss Stella spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bracewell are the proud parents of a baby girl who came Tuesday to make her home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Breckon, Misses Lucile and Edith Straight and brother Robert were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Whitlock Monday evening.

Dean Lamb came home Monday to spend his Christmas holidays.

Several from Murrayville attended the Christmas tree and entertainment at Zion church Saturday night.

Carey Simmons and family moved last week into the house vacated by John Osborn.

Mrs. John Douglas has been quite sick the past week with the gripe.

FUNERALS

Jones

Funeral services for Ernest Jones were held from the undertaking parlors of W. W. Gillham yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in charge of the Rev. W. W. Theobald, pastor of Brooklyn M. E. church. Music was furnished by a trio consisting of Miss Ora Theobald, Miss Marie Towie and Paul Theobald. The flowers were cared for by Misses Bessie Vieira, Mabel Henry, Ona Flynn, and Lilly Jones. Burial was in Jacksonville cemetery, the bearers being, Earl Henry, Less Tribble, Earl Stringham, George Norman, Fred Johnson and Elmer Smith.

Price

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah M. Price were held from First Baptist church Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. A. Todd. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends which served to show the esteem in which the deceased was held in this community. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Miss Carrie Spiros, Miss Eva Breitweiser and H. A. Brewer and Fred Mayer. The flowers were cared for by Mrs. Dennis Schram and Miss Shreve. Burial was in Diamond Grove cemetery the bearers being George F. LaRue, P. V. Coover, A. B. Williamson, W. R. Moody, Dennis Schram and Owen Graff.

WITH THE SICK

Mrs. Ralph Hutchinson who has been ill at her home on South Prairie street with bronchitis is improving.

Charles Rice is sick at his home on the Mound road suffering from a severe attack of la grippe.

Miss Ernestine Jastronski of the faculty of the School for the Deaf is critically ill at Our Savior's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Mawson and daughter are all sick with la grippe at their home two miles southwest of Jacksonville.

WILL HOLD FUNERAL OF MRS. CALHOUN TODAY

Services Will Take Place at Family Residence in Franklin

The funeral of Mrs. W. C. Calhoun will be held at the residence in Franklin this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with services in charge of Rev. E. E. Vorbeck. Mention was made Monday morning of the death of Mrs. Calhoun, which came after a long illness. The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Boulware. She was born near Franklin Dec. 18, 1871. Deceased was married to W. C. Calhoun Dec. 29, 1893 and the family home has always been at Franklin. Four children survive with the husband. Boulware, aged 17, Eloise, 14, Kathleen 12 and Byron, age 9. The deceased leaves also her mother, Mrs. E. N. Boulware; two sisters, Mrs. Martin Anderson and Miss May Boulware, and one brother, George B. Boulware.

After attending the schools of Franklin the deceased became a student at Illinois Woman's college and subsequently was a teacher in the Franklin schools. Years ago she became interested in religion and united with the Methodist church under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. McGhee. She lived earnestly and loyally and was faithful in all the relations of life. Her illness extended thru a long period and she displayed thru those years a remarkable spirit of faith and patience.

Ladies' rings worth \$3 going at \$1.35 at Edward D. Heintz's after Christmas jewelry clean up sale. Read the ad on page 10.

ALEXANDER NEWS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Strawn and son of Waverly spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder of near Franklin were Christmas guests of Mr. Snyder's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Little spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. James Strawn in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall and daughters Rachel and Althea and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall and baby were guests Christmas day of Caesar Hall of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Strawn were Jacksonville visitors Monday being the guests of Mrs. F. J. Funk, Mrs. Strawn's mother.

Mrs. Anna Tucker and children of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bradley of Mason City, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. O'Brien and baby of Bloomington were Christmas guests of Mrs. Henry Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gaul and daughter Nellie of Ashland spent several days with Mr. Gaul's mother, Mrs. Bridget Gaul.

Mrs. Mary Sharp of Springfield visited Mrs. Bridget Gaul Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Strawn were guests of Jacksonville relatives Christmas day.

J. H. Plunkett of Ashland was the guest of Mrs. Claude Beerup the first of the week.

Mrs. Claude Beerup has been called to Ashland on account of the illness of her aunt, Mrs. Porter Armstrong.

Miss Mae Edmonds who is attending Business college in Jacksonville is spending the holidays with her mother in Alexander.

Miss Margaret Harrison of New Berlin spent Christmas the guest of Mrs. George Rubie near Alexander.

Miss Catherine Young went to

Ashland Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week with Mrs. Arnold Tucker.

John Colwell made a trip to Springfield Tuesday in his Overland car, taking Miss Katherine Kaiser, Miss Frances Kaiser and Paul and Carl Kaiser to spend the day with their father, who is a patient at St. John's hospital. Mr. Kaiser is steadily improving.

Obermeyer's 25c Grab Sale will start today.

Public Sale

Farm belonging to the estate of Robert B. Marshall, deceased, will be sold by the Master in Chancery, at the south door of the court house in Jacksonville, Ill., at 2 o'clock p. m.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Farm of 78 acres, located at Markham, Ill., 5 miles west of Jacksonville.

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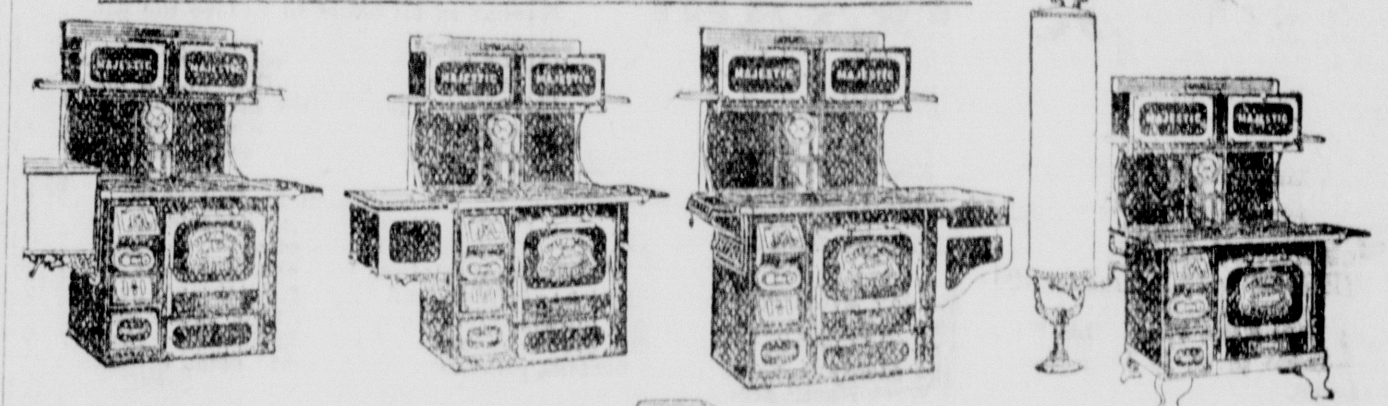
TERMS OF SALE—CASH.

Dated, Dec. 26th, A. D., 1916.

JOHN M. BUTLER,
Master in Chancery.

M. T. Layman, Solicitor.

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Don't wait, but come Thursday—Green stamps all count—ask for them.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

To All Our Friends
and Patrons

Each succeeding year the sentiment grows that this is the place to equip yourself with footwear.

Hopper & Son

DR. McKINNEY WILL WED IN MINNEAPOLIS

Ceremony Will Take Place This Evening—Bride to be is Miss Martha Mauge.

Announcement has been made that Dr. Frank S. McKinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. McKinney of Chapin will be married this evening in Minneapolis, Minn., to Miss Martha Mauge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mauge. The ceremony will be performed by a Methodist minister at the home of the bride, 3100 Elliott avenue.

Miss Mauge comes from one of the well known families in Minneapolis and has been active in both social and charitable work in her home city. Dr. McKinney graduated from Illinois college in the class of 1907 and four years later from Northwestern Medical school. Subsequently he was on a staff of Wesley hospital in Chicago and still later spent a considerable time in European study. As a surgeon in the Serbian army in the war with Bulgaria he had especial opportunity for work in his profession. For some time he has been located in Minneapolis where he has already established an excellent practice.

Obermeyer's 25c Grab Sale will start today.

Miss Margaret Lynch has gone to Boardman for a visit with Mayor and W. M. Harris.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT AT DINNER PARTY

Sunday evening Miss Mabel Jordan gave a three course dinner to a number of friends, the event taking place at the pleasant home of the hostess, 324 West North street.

While the guests were seated at the table the engagement and wedding of two of their number, Miss Lulu Claussen and Miss Merle Boddingfield, both of Joy Prairie neighborhood, was announced. The announcement was a great surprise to some of the guests but all hastened to tender their sincere congratulations to the young people soon to begin the journey of life together. Naturally they were the recipients of hearty congratulations.

\$6 diamond lavalliere now \$2.85 at Edward D. Heinl's jewelry cleanup sale. Read ad page 10.

MRS. READ TO LEAVE FOR CONCERT TOUR

Mrs. Helen Brown Read expects to leave Saturday for Chicago. She will attend grand opera there for two days and then leave for Winfield, Kans., where she opens a concert tour which will last until April. The tour will take Mrs. Read thru Oklahoma and Texas and most of the southern states.

Read about Edward D. Heinl's special jewelry cleanup sale, page 10. \$2.25 gold filled lavalliere now 85c.

Holiday Week Specials

Large size (126) Oranges, 50c per peck.
Medium size (176) Oranges, 30c per dozen.
Extra fancy Cranberries and White Grapes.
Christmas Candies, per pound, 15c.
Philberts, Pecans, Almonds and English Walnuts, 20 and 25c pound.
Corn—3 cans, 29c; 6 cans, 57c.
Sweet Potatoes—Per can, 15c; 12 cans, \$1.65.
Pork and Beans, No. 3 can—3 cans, 36c.
Sliced Hawaiian Pineapple—3 cans, 57c; 12 cans, \$2.25.
Bulk Mince Meat—1 pound, 15c; 2 pounds, 25c.
Seeded Raisins (15 oz. pkt.) 15c; 2 pkts., 25c.
E. C. Corn Flakes—3 pkts., 25c.
Macaroni or Spaghetti—3 pkts., 25c.
Club House Sweet Wrinkle Beans—3 cans, 36c; 12 cans, \$1.35.
A good Kansas Flour, \$2.35 per 49 lbs.; \$1.25 per 24 lbs.
Sugar Peas—3 cans, 29c; 6 cans, 57c.
Lye Hominy—3 cans, 29c; 6 cans, 57c.
One Week Only—A good match, 40c per dozen boxes.
Solid Pack Tomatoes—Per can, 10c; 12 cans, \$1.15.

TERMS STRICTLY CASH

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Both Phones

West State Street

MORE SIDEWALK ORDINANCES READ

Council Plans to Get More Streets Out of Mud—Old Pump at South Side Plant in Bad Condition.

The weekly session of the city council was held Tuesday morning instead of Monday this week and was given over very largely to action on side walk ordinances. Ordinances were given the first reading for concrete walks on East Independence avenue, Howe street, South Fayette street, West College avenue, East College avenue, Myrtle street, South Kosciusko street and Bissell street.

Discuss Paving Track Plans.
Supt. Gray of the Jacksonville Railway & Light company was present at the request of the council to discuss the matter of specifications for the work to be done under the street railway tracks on streets to be paved. This will apply to East State, West State and portions of Mound avenue. Mr. Gray frankly stated that he is not informed about the type of construction that would be most satisfactory to the company but would be in Peoria at the company offices within two or three days and would then be in position to give the desired information. He said he did know that the company wanted to work with the city in the improvement and to carry out the best plan for the interest of all parties. The ordinances already passed provide that the company shall pave for 18 inches on each side of the rails while the stipulation signed by the company and the petitioners in the Jacksonville rate case provide for 12 inches on each side of the rails. Mr. Gray and members of the council were both of the opinion that this difference could be adjusted satisfactorily.

The reports from departments were quite formal. Mr. Cox referred to some sewer and street work which has been done and said that in an effort to relieve the sewer running into the brook that he found the latter was taxed to its capacity. He said this was a condition which would have to be overcome in event of an effort to take care of sewage from south Jacksonville.

Steam Pump in Bad Way.
Mr. Vasconcellos reported that the Smith-Vaile pump at the South side station was again in bad condition and that if continued pumping is done there that there would have to be new machinery. Mayor Rodgers said that some arrangement must certainly be made for pumping with electricity at the south side station. This plan would materially reduce the operation cost of the water department.

Mr. Vasconcellos said that several men from the department were busy Sunday and a greater part of Monday taking fish from the basin at the pumping station and returning them to Morgan lake. A screen has since been fixed at the lake where the water flows into the pipe carrying it to the water station in an effort to keep the fish in the lake. The council adjourned after the discussion of several matters of minor interest.

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of a Ford Runabout F. O. B. Detroit. Add \$12.85 freight and you have the price delivered to you, provided you place your order now. If you wait they may be higher. Furthermore the Ford Motor Co. positively will not ship any more cars without a signed order from the buyer.

C. N. PRIEST,
The Ford Man.

NEEDY WELL REMEMBERED

There was possibly not as much organized effort for Christmas giving this year as in some former times but it is believed that no worthy family went without Christmas good things Monday. Many of the churches sent special representatives to see families they thought were needy and the fund which was given to Commissioner Martin and Chief of Police Davis was expended for numerous baskets which were distributed to needy families. Altogether the poor people of the city were generously remembered.

TO INCREASE OUR DECEMBER BUSINESS, WE OFFER IN EVERY DEPARTMENT REMARKABLE VALUES AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK.

J. HERMAN.

CAPT. F. C. TAYLOR ILL.
Capt. Frank C. Taylor, veteran newspaper man is confined to his home 832 East State street by an attack of acute indigestion. Capt. Taylor was taken ill Saturday with a severe cold. Later acute indigestion developed and Capt. Taylor has been a sick man for the past two days. Word Tuesday evening was to the effect that his condition showed improvement.

Harmony lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., will hold a special meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work Visiting brethren welcome.
J. R. Phillips, Sec'y.
John Nunes, W. M.

HERE FROM DAKOTA

J. H. Colton, who is superintendent of schools in New Rockford, N. D., is now visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Colton of Woodson. On his homeward trip this time Mr. Colton suffered the inconveniences of travel which have become common during this holiday time, as the train in which he reached Chicago from Minneapolis was 13 hours late.

SERVES NOTICE ON FUEL DEALERS

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 26.—Notice that unless immediate steps are taken to abate the local coal shortage he again would take matters in his own hands was served on Des Moines fuel dealers tonight by Mayor John Macvicar. Last week the mayor seized a car of coal with the announced intention of distributing it to the poor and relinquished it only when the dealers promised to ship no coal from Des Moines until all of the destitute persons here had been cared for.

A delegation of citizens called at the city hall today however, and informed the mayor that several dealers had refused to supply the poor thru the Associated Charities as had been promised and asserted that the situation was more serious than ever before.

Buy one of those ladies' Elgin jeweled watches at \$8.15, a \$15 value, at Edward D. Heinl's after Christmas cleanup jewelry sale. Read the ad page 10.

CITY AND COUNTY

William Kircher of Arenzville was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Herbert Smith is here from Ohio for a holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. Constance B. Smith and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Alves spent Christmas with relatives in Decatur. Felix Farrell, Jr., has gone to Chicago for a few days' visit with William McLaughlin.

Miss Clara W. Brown has gone to Chicago for a month's visit with friends.

Fred Carriel, who is now traveling out of Kansas City for a concrete construction firm, is in Jacksonville for a Christmas visit with his mother, Mrs. Mary Turner Carriel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reid and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Beardstown, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Williamson on West College avenue.

Mrs. C. M. Duer and daughter, Miss Anna Duer, of Divernon, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stevenson at their home near Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCune, sons John and James of Ipava, came for a Christmas visit with George W. Moore and Miss Eleanor Moore at their home on West State street. Mr. McCune returned to Ipava yesterday and the other members of the family will go today.

A few days ago Mallory Brothers inserted a few lines in the Journal to announce the fact that they had two ladies' solitaire diamonds, of exceptional choice value for sale. Yesterday, a lady, a prominent resident of Carrollton made the trip to this city and purchased the larger of the two stones. It pays to advertise.

NO PRIMARY FOR JUDICIAL ELECTION

Thus far Governor Dunne has not announced the date for holding an election to choose a successor to the late Judge Creighton. It is understood that a primary will not be necessary in this case and that nominations will be made by party convention. Seven years ago when judges were to be named in this district a primary election was held but subsequently the supreme court declared that the primary law did not apply to the election of supreme or circuit court judges. A very large saving will thus be effected for the public and the aspirants for the office will be saved a large amount of work and worry.

Grab Sale 25c at Armstrong's drug store, S. W. corner square today.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED AT FAMILY PARTY

Members of the family of Mrs. N. S. Stringam of Chestnut street spent a delightful day there Christmas. There were children and grandchildren who gathered for the festivities and the excellent dinner served was but one of the attractions. Before the company separated an announcement was made of the engagement of Ralph Stringam to Miss Margaret Tivnen of this city. It is understood that their wedding will take place in the spring.

The out of town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Deatherage, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stringam, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stringam, daughter Helen and son Dayne of Beardstown, and W. H. True of Peoria.

WON TYPIST HONORS

In a recent contest at Brown's Business college wherein a minimum of 25 words per minute with an allowance of not more than five errors were permitted, six students won honors. They are Mary Leib, Thessel Webster, Florence Biggs, Reo Oliver, Lucy Coultas and May Edwards. They made a very favorable showing in these tests for speed and accuracy on the typewriter. Miss Lyda Thomas, a student at the school, has been awarded a certificate for membership in the Order of Artistic Typists.

SHAW STILL AT LARGE

McKinley Shaw, charged with the shooting of Howard Johnson in a quarrel early Sunday morning, is still at large. Authorities in surrounding towns have been notified but thus far there has been no clew to the fugitive's whereabouts. Johnson's condition was not greatly changed yesterday, and while he is seriously wounded, it is believed he will recover.

NOTICE.

Judge Frank W. Burton will be here to hold court Tuesday, Jan. 9th. All attorneys who have cases, which may be heard without jury this time are requested to meet at the clerk's this morning, Dec. 27, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of setting the docket.

C. W. BOSTON.

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Holiday week, twixt now and New Years, is ample time to remember the ones forgotten.

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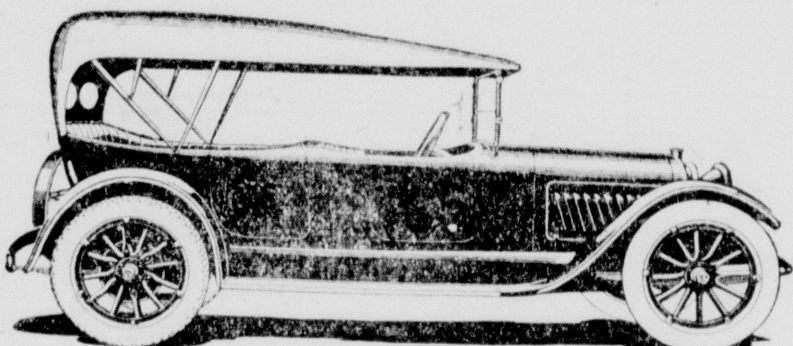


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Franklin—Geo. Schaaf;
Liberberry—G. T. Litter;
Lynnville—Coulas & May;
Meredosia—Farmers Gr. Co.
Murrayville—A. H. Kennedy.
Prentice—J. H. Huffs.

Manchester—Chas. Smith;
Manchester—C. D. Chapman;
Merritt—W. D. Hitt, Jr.
Midway—C. D. Irlam;
Pisgah—J. T. Berry;
Woodson—Fitzsimmons & Son;
White Hall—J. H. Piper;
Waverly—Hairgrove & Harris;
Virginia—Bailey & Co.

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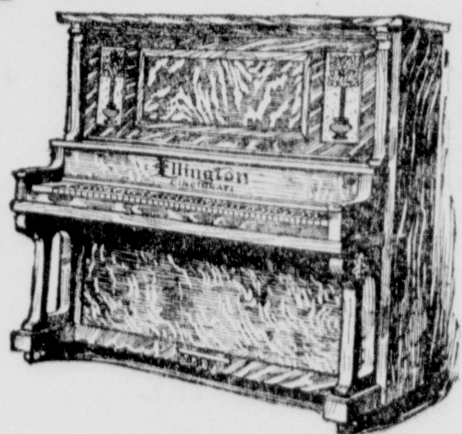
Elm City Flour	\$2.30
Mac's Best Flour	2.30
Minnesota Queen Flour	2.40
Zephyr Flour	2.65
25 lb. pocket Cane Sugar	1.95
Woodford Corn, per can	.12
Pride of Janesville, per can	.10
Elm City, per can	.10
2 cans No. 3 Tomatoes, Bunny Brand	.25
Jolly Brand Tomatoes, No. 2 can	.10
Comb Honey, 6 frames	1.00
Special Peaberry Coffee, 25c lb., 5 lbs.	1.10
Hughett's Hummer Baking Powder, no alum, 1 lb.	.22
Elm City Brand Rolled Oats, regular size	9c
Family size	23c
Lily Flake Crackers, ten cent size	9c
Select Sodas, large size	20c
Nice Grape Fruit, 6 for	25c
White Bear Cleaner, 3 16 oz. cans	10c
5 lb. sack Morton Table Salt	8c

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COMMISSIONERS NAMED
FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Preliminary Steps Taken for Organization of Indian Creek Drainage District Number Two

The petition for the formation of Indian Creek Drainage District came before Judge Thomson in the county court Tuesday morning. After the hearing the court allowed the petition and appointed as commissioners Henry Treadway, R. P. Goodpasture and Morris E. Heffner, to examine the land and report. The commissioners will make their report to the court March 5, 1917, at 9 a. m. When the petition was brought before the court the necessary proof of posting, publishing and mailing of notice according to law was made. There was no written objection filed but W. R. Dyer presented oral objections which were over-ruled. The affidavit filed showed the petitioners to be a majority of the land owners and owners of one-third of the area to be included in the proposed district. It is shown further that the petitioners were at least one third of the owners and the owners of a majority of the land. The testimony of various witnesses was heard and leave was then granted the petitioners to amend their petition in some details. After this necessary change had been made the court granted the petition and made the order appointing the commissioners.

Route is Outlined
As previously stated, this petition contemplates the organization of a drainage district to be known as Indian Creek Drainage district No. 2. It is to be constructed beginning at the western terminus of Indian Creek Drainage district and extend to the north line of the Arenzville-Meredosia wagon road which is known as the main street in the village of Arenzville, at which point the main channel of Indian creek crosses the road. The route for the proposed ditch will be the line between the starting point, which is at the east side of the west half of section 23 in township 16 north of range 11 west. One of the principal reasons advanced for the formation of district No. 2 is that Indian Creek drainage district, organized several years ago, embraces land on both sides of Indian creek for about six miles immediately above the land which will be included in the proposed district. It is maintained that the work done in Indian Creek Drainage district, consisting of widening, deepening and straightening the channel, largely increased the volume of water which is brought down to, and discharged upon, the lands in the district which it is proposed to organize, and at a point where the channel of Indian creek is wholly inadequate to convey the water in times of flood.

The Petitioners
The petitioners in the case, who are represented by Worthington, Reeve and Green, are James H. Silcox, C. E. Rexroat, R. P. Goodpasture, J. M. Rexroat, Gus Vallery, John Vallery, Mrs. Alice Charlesworth, Mrs. Cora Vallery McFadden, Mrs. Hattie Vallery, Arthur Vallery, William Niehaus, J. E. Mallincoett, Herman Engelbach, Henry Treadway, Chris Engelbach, Fred Engelbach, William Engelbach, James Ginder, Lydia L. Engelbach, John Joeckel, John Stock, Joseph Walt; and the following as officials: Henry Treadway for the village of Arenzville; Herman Engelbach, George W. McElroy, and J. P. Bates for the school board of district 45, Cass county; H. C. Lovickamp, W. H. Witte and Paul P. Philippi, school trustees of township 17-11.

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C. N. PRIEST,
The Ford Man.

RABBIT HUNT EXTRAORDINARY
On the farm of Louis Maul in the vicinity of Liberberry is a deep gulley into which he has thrown lots of brush and rubbish and it has become a great breeding place and home for rabbits. Xmas morning he invited two of his nephews to visit his place and indulge in a few hours of sport. Setting his two dogs to scare the bunnies out of the brush he watched with his two visitors and in a little more than two hours they bagged 53 rabbits Christmas morning he invited escaped. The carcasses were carefully dressed and distributed among friends and neighbors who greatly enjoyed them. As a successful rabbit hunt this will stand among the leading accounts.

UNION BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT
Union Baptist church was filled to overflowing Saturday evening with an audience gathered to enjoy the Sunday school entertainment. A unique and very pleasing program was ably rendered by the Ruth Missionary class. It was called a ladder and depicted a wild west scene in which a poor widow and two children belonging to the herders were kindly cared for. Presents were distributed and a fine time enjoyed generally.

Sunday morning every member of the Sunday school received a gift or treat and the occasion was much enjoyed.

A. A. Curry who has been the faithful superintendent of the Sunday school for 20 years presented the church with a fine pulpit bible as a token of his love for the church and school. The hearty thanks of the society were tendered him.

COMPLETE OFFICIAL
ELECTION RETURNS

Figures Show Wilson Received 9,116,296 Votes and Hughes 8,547,474.

New York, Dec. 26.—Complete official returns on the presidential election show that Mr. Wilson received 9,116,296 votes and Mr. Hughes 8,547,474, a plurality of 568,822 for Mr. Wilson. In 1912 Wilson (Dem.) received 6,293,019, Taft (Rep.) 3,484,956, Roosevelt (Prog.) 4,119,507.

The vote for Mr. Benson, Socialist candidate for president was 750,000, with eight missing states estimated against 901,873 for Debs (Soc.) in 1912, and for Mr. Hanly (Prohibitionist) candidate was 225,101, against 207,928 for Chafin (Prohibition) in 1912.

The total popular vote for the four candidates was 18,638,871, as against 15,007,282 in 1912. This is an increase of 3,631,589, accounted for by the increased population and the women vote in the new suffrage states.

The vote in Illinois was:

Wilson 950,081
Hughes 1,152,316

Towa gave:

Wilson 221,699
Hughes 280,449

The following is a table showing the vote by states for Wilson and Hughes:

State	Wilson	Hughes
Alabama	97,778	28,662
Arizona	33,170	20,524
Arkansas	112,186	49,827
California	466,289	462,516
Colorado	178,816	102,308
Connecticut	99,786	106,514
Delaware	24,521	25,794
Florida	56,108	14,611
Georgia	125,831	11,225
Idaho	70,021	56,368
Illinois	950,081	1,152,316
Indiana	324,063	341,005
Iowa	221,699	280,449
Kansas	314,588	277,656
Kentucky	269,900	241,854
Louisiana	79,875	6,644
Maine	64,118	69,506
Maryland	138,359	117,347
Massachusetts	247,885	268,812
Michigan	286,775	339,097
Minnesota	179,152	179,544
Mississippi	80,383	4,253
Missouri	398,032	369,329
Montana	101,063	66,750
Nebraska	158,827	117,771
Nevada	17,776	12,127
New Hampshire	43,779	43,723
New Jersey	211,018	268,982
New Mexico	33,553	31,161
New York	756,880	875,510
North Carolina	18,383	120,890
North Dakota	55,271	52,651
Ohio	604,446	514,836
Oklahoma	148,123	97,233
Oregon	120,087	126,813
Pennsylvania	521,784	703,734
Rhode Island	40,394	44,858
South Carolina	61,846	1,809
South Dakota	59,191	64,261
Tennessee	153,334	116,114
Texas	285,909	64,949
Utah	84,025	54,133
Vermont	22,708	49,250
Virginia	102,824	49,359
Washington	183,388	167,244
West Virginia	140,403	143,124
Wisconsin	193,042	224,324
Wyoming	28,316	21,698
Totals	9,116,296	8,547,474

Obermeyer's 25c Grab Sale will start today.

WERE WEDDED FORTY
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Marriage Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Henderson Duly Celebrated.

Forty-four years ago, Dec. 25th, C. P. Henderson of this county and Miss Mary Sylvester of Bowen, Hancock county, were united in marriage and most happily and harmoniously have together trodden the path of life. It was deemed fitting that the event should be duly celebrated by a family gathering which was done with great pleasure on the part of all concerned. The day was most happily spent by all and the affair took on the aspect of a double celebration for it was the 18th anniversary of the wedding of their son, E. J. Henderson of Ebenezer vicinity. The day was happily spent enjoying the presents each had received and in various social ways.

The dinner was the product of the fine skill of Mrs. Henderson and Miss Jennie Allen and it was the most exacting one could desire and all were loud in their praises of the feast.

Though past the meridian of life Mr. and Mrs. Henderson bid fair to celebrate a great many anniversaries and it is the hope of their numerous friends and relatives that they will be able to do so.

Those present at the celebration were their son, E. J. Henderson and wife of Ebenezer, their son E. E. Henderson, wife, daughter Mildred and son Clifford of Jacksonville, their daughter, Mrs. Harry Hitches, Mrs. J. A. Crum and husband of Jacksonville.

25c Grab Sale at Armstrong's drug store, S. W. corner square starts today at 9 o'clock.

AT THE GRAND.

Grand patrons have enjoyed a treat this week in the presentation of the musical comedy, "Around the Town" in five scenes played by the E. P. Churchill company. The comedy contains some catchy songs, the girls dance well and the stage settings are good. Miss Billie Rogers is a charming little woman and sings and dances well and carries a good part of the performance. She is ably assisted by Bruce Richardson, Miss Mamie Glover, Earle S. Dewey and Hans Herbert. The company gave performances Christmas day and yesterday and closes its engagements with matinee and night performances today.

Misses Frances Marie Scott and Fanny Hulet went to Hersman yesterday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Montgomery.

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FAMILY REUNION HELD AT J. F. BERRY HOME

Relatives Gathered There Tuesday
for Christmas Dinner and Im-
promptu Program.

A delightful family gathering took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Berry on West College avenue Tuesday, the affair being especially in honor of the family of Mrs. Berry whose maiden name was Murry. The guests began to assemble during the morning and by noon all had well organized appetites for the delicious and bountiful turkey dinner which had been prepared with rare skill by the capable hostess and her assistants. All much enjoyed this feature of the occasion and pronounced the dinner perfect.

After dinner Santa Claus himself appeared and distributed presents to all, both old and young as well as middle aged and much amusement was created by this feature of the day.

Following this came a program, which was impromptu yet most ably rendered, each one taking part doing the task assigned in a fine manner. It was as follows:

Singing, "Coronation," by the company.

Scripture reading, M. M. Crum.

Prayer, Albert Crum.

Instrumental duet, Mrs. Orville Crum and Miss Annabel Crum.

Reading, A Christmas Prayer, Mrs. J. F. Berry.

Vocal solo, Billy Dunlap.

Recitation, E. G. Martin.

Recitation, Helen Frances Crum.

Song, Russell Dunlap.

Speech, Murry Martin.

Song by Mrs. Henry Johnson and four daughters.

Recitation, Miss Elizabeth Dunlap.

Recitation, Keith Crum.

Recitation, "All Well that Ends Well," Miss Annabel Crum.

The entire day was most happily spent by all present and they departed with many good wishes for their hospitable entertainers.

The guests were Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Litter, of Jacksonville; M. M. Crum and wife and daughter Annabel, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crum, Mr. and Mrs. Al Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Crum, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Crum and daughter Helen Frances, of Litterberry; Albert and Miss Elizabeth Martin, north of the city; Mrs. J. W. Crum and son, Keith of Girard.

Obermeyer's 25c Grab Sale
will start today.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CHARLES MORGAN

Were Held at Home Yesterday in
Winchester — Holiday Visitors
Come and Go.

Winchester, Dec. 26.—Funeral services for Charles Morgan were held from the residence of his sister Miss Anna Morgan Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. G. E. Prewitt, pastor of the Christian church. Music was furnished by the choir of the church. Burial was in Winchester cemetery the bearers being: Frank Mason, E. N. Gillham, L. L. Bradshaw, Grant Mader, James Overton and Edward Burrows.

Arthur Henley of Springfield was in Winchester Tuesday to attend the funeral of Charles Morgan.

Dr. J. W. Eckman and wife and E. E. Watt returned home Tuesday from Decatur where they spent Christmas with Dr. Eckman's parents.

Miss Bertha Munze has returned to Beardstown after a brief holiday visit with her parents.

Alonzo Ellis and family of White Hall spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mader.

Dana Miner of Chicago and sister Miss Helen of Jacksonville enjoyed Christmas with their father, Dr. James Miner and sister Miss Bertha Miner.

Mrs. Milan Richards and son of Jacksonville visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dill.

Rev. E. L. Gibson of Alton arrived Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nelson.

Mrs. Julia Biernbrauer and Miss Anna Brown spent Christmas in White Hall the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rutschke.

Mrs. Cora Rickart is visiting her son Frank in Jacksonville.

FRANKLIN INDEPENDENTS WIN FROM CARLINVILLE

The Franklin Independents basketball five opened the season at Franklin Monday night by defeating the strong Carlinville five by a score of 22 to 9. The game was fast and one of the best ever played on a Franklin floor. The game was witnessed by one of the largest crowds ever attending a basketball game in Franklin. The score:

Franklin	FG.	FT.	Ttl.
Boerup rf	5	0	10
Teaney lf	3	2	8
Stewart c	0	0	0
Hart lg	0	0	0
Graves lg	1	0	2
Burnett rg	1	0	2
Totals	10	2	22
Carlinville	FG.	FT.	Ttl.
Hobson rf	1	2	4
Denby lf	0	0	0
Hall c	0	1	1
Pursley lg	0	0	0
Eldred rg	2	0	4
Totals	3	3	9

Referee, Ryan; time keeper, Woods; score keeper, Gray.

Franklin has a game booked with the Girard team for Thursday night and will play the Virginia five Friday night. Both games will be played on the Franklin floor.

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CLAIMS PRISONER IN JOLIET INNOCENT

Case of Herman Billik Is to Be
Threshed Out Again—Friends of
Man Convicted of Murder Call
Him Victim of Circumstances.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—Is Herman Billik innocent of the murders which once brought him within the shadows of the gallows and for which he is now serving a life sentence in the State Prison at Joliet? This is the question that is to be threshed out here next Saturday, when the case that a decade ago was a subject of country-wide discussion is to be re-opened on a petition for the pardon of the prisoner.

Billik was a Bohemian magician and fortune teller. At his trial he was branded as a multi-murderer whose crimes placed him in a class with Johann Hoch, who was hanged for the murder of several of his wives, and H. H. Holmes, whose trail of crime made the world shudder in the early nineties. All three were alleged to "have put their victims out of the way" by the poison route in order that they might obtain the few hundreds of dollars or property which their victims possessed. Of the three, however, there was none who was alleged to have played his part in so spectacular a setting as the Bohemian magician.

Committed Many Crimes

Two of Billik's wives had died under circumstances that had aroused the suspicion of the authorities. But the immediate crime for which he was convicted and sentenced to death was the murder of Mary Vrzal, the 22-year-old daughter of Martin and Rose Vrzal, members of the Chicago Bohemian colony. He was charged also with the murder of Martin Vrzal, the father; of Tillie, aged 18; Rose, aged 14, and Ella, aged 12. The five crimes were alleged to have been committed by Billik within a period of one year and nine months, and in that time, according to his own admissions, he had mulcted the family, through the medium of Mrs. Vrzal, of \$4,000 in property and life insurance carried by his alleged victims.

Martin Vrzal made the acquaintance of Billik in the latter's capacity of fortune-teller and magician. Vrzal desired to destroy the business of a rival milk dealer and he consulted Billik in the matter. The two families soon became intimate friends. Before long the studied blandishments of Billik worked a fascination for him in the entire Vrzal family. Mrs. Billik, it was said, was completely under the control of his hypnotic personality. When Martin Vrzal died his wife collected \$2,000 in insurance and gave most of it to Billik.

Chemists Found Arsenic

Two days before Mary Vrzal died her mother visited Billik and obtained from him some "medicine" for Mary. The girl died in Billik's arms in the Vrzal home. The ailment that killed her was the same that killed her father, stomach trouble. When her remains were disinterred and chemists made an examination of the contents of her stomach, they found it contained five grains of arsenic. Two grains are sufficient to kill the ordinary human being.

Mary's life was insured for \$800. The funeral expenses came out of this, and Billik got the rest from Mrs. Vrzal.

Within the year following Mary's death, at intervals of a few months, came the deaths of other members of the Vrzal family, all from "stomach trouble." Each of the alleged victims was insured and in each instance Billik is said to have obtained the most of the money. Finally came the death of Mrs. Vrzal, who passed away with only Billik in attendance. She died by poison, whether self-administered or not was never definitely settled. One of the last acts before the woman's death was the persuasion of her by Billik to sell her home and give him the money.

Reprieved Five Times

Despite what appeared to be overwhelming evidence of his guilt there were many persons who have always held the opinion that Billik was a victim of circumstances. While admitting that he was a cheap sham, playing sordidly upon the ignorance and superstition of his victims for his own gains, they are of the belief that he was entirely innocent of taking human life. Most prominent of those believing in Billik's innocence and now working for his release from prison is Father P. J. O'Callaghan, now attached to the Catholic University at Washington, who was a parish priest in Chicago in 1907 and whose duties had brought him into touch with the principles in the Billik case.

It was through Father O'Callaghan's influence that Billik received five reprieves after his sentence to death. On one occasion the convicted man was saved after he had actually begun the march to the gallows. On another memorable occasion the death sentence was stayed when Billik's little daughter threw herself at the feet of Governor Deneen.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT SALVATION ARMY

A Christmas entertainment was given at the Salvation Army barracks Monday evening by the children of the Sunday School. There was a large attendance and a program of songs and recitations was given by the children. Santa Claus came down the chimney and distributed presents. Over 200 bags of candy were distributed and each child also received oranges. One hundred pairs of stockings and 15 suits of underwear were also received by the needy ones. Others also took the opportunity of exchanging gifts at the entertainment which were placed on the tree with the other presents.

Miss Dorothy Sargent of Franklin was a city shopper yesterday.

EXPRESSES VIEWS ABOUT MEXICO

J. G. Strawn Says Soldiers Along
Border See Need for Policy of
Firmness.

James G. Strawn, of the firm of Strawn and Spink, insurance agents, has returned from a business trip to California during which he visited Sacramento and Los Angeles. He was much pleased with the mild weather, the fruits and the flowers, but still glad to be at home again. He went out by Denver, the Royal Gorge, Salt Lake City and Ogden and returned by the Southern Pacific thru El Paso, Texas. He fell into conversation with a great many of the soldiers stationed along the border and talked with them a great deal. Practically one and all declared that the only way tranquility can ever come to Mexico will be its subjugation by the United States.

Anybody with a tin horn, a horse and pair of lungs can get up a revolution and it is lots easier for a hundred scoundrels to loot a town than to work for an honest living and there seems to be no power at present capable of repressing them.

Our soldiers down there don't think it would take a very large army to subdue them. An officer told Mr. Strawn that one day six soldiers were out hunting when they were attacked by twenty Mexicans who fired on them without effect. The soldiers returned the fire and got seventeen of the Greasers only three escaping. A firm show of power would work wonders down there in the estimation of the soldiers and while it seems at present

out of the question only trouble appears in sight for the unhappy country till a strong power takes things in hand and whips the marauders into subjection.

Henry Suter of the vicinity of New Berlin was a city caller yesterday.

A WRECK ON THE WABASH

Monday morning as a freight was going west a car of coal jumped the track west of Markham and ran along the ties and over the bridge across the creek making it necessary to rebuild the structure. The car

finally dragged two other cars off but they were not materially damaged and all were replaced on the track by the train crew but the fast mail had to be detoured by Concord while the bridge and track were being repaired. The later trains went thru as usual.

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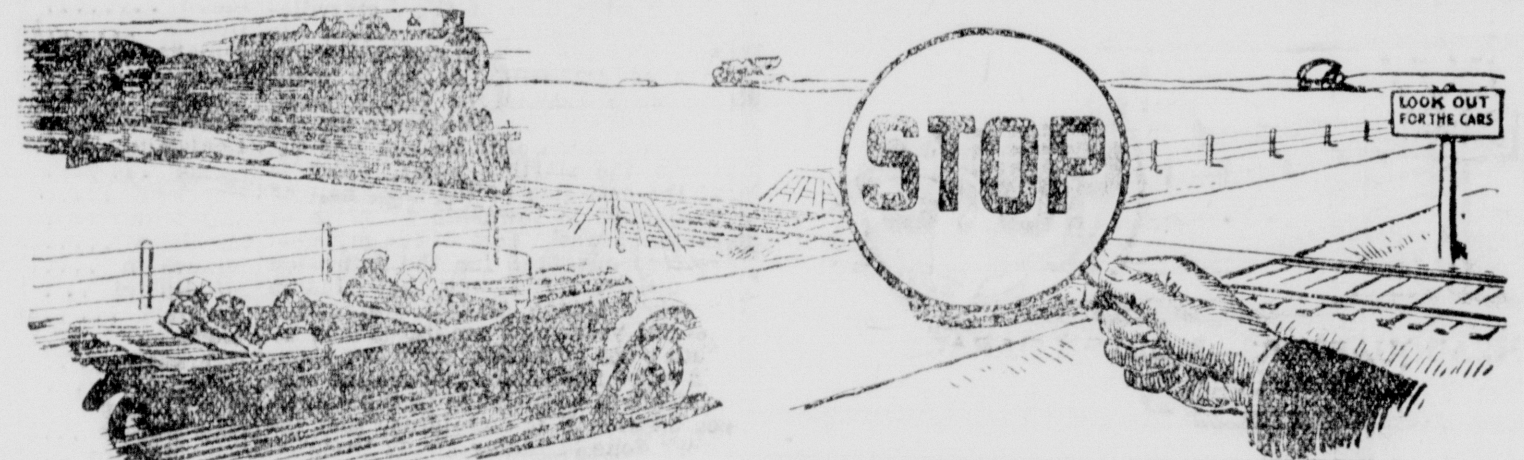
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The latest report of the State Public Utilities Commission shows 95 persons lost their lives and 241 were seriously injured in accidents at highway crossings of Illinois railroads, in 1915. The Commission says:

"The transition from team to automobile traffic in the last few years has been remarkable.*** Automobile drivers will not approach a railroad crossing in the same careful manner as will the driver of a team."

Why Do Accidents Occur at Highway Crossings?

It is not the mere existence of grade crossings that makes them dangerous. It is the way people use them. Human nature is the same in all the states. Here is what the California Railway Commission reports on actual observations of 17,000 motor vehicle drivers at railway crossings:

69.5 per cent looked neither way
before crossing the tracks.

2.7 per cent looked in only one
direction.

27.8 per cent looked both
ways.

This is what the Commission learned as to 4,900 drivers of teams and 6,300 pedestrians, at railway crossings:

	Team Drivers	Pedestrians
Looked neither way	- 39.4%	49.1%
Looked one way only	- 8.6	15.0
Looked both ways	- 52.0	35.9
	100. %	100. %

Which Should Stop?

A train running 60 miles an hour goes 88 feet in 1 second and cannot be stopped in much less than a quarter of a mile.

An automobile running 25 miles an hour can be stopped in 50 feet.

A horse or team can be stopped quickly.

A pedestrian can stop almost instantly.

Some Facts About Grade Crossings

To eliminate the 17,100 grade crossings in Illinois would cost an average of at least \$30,000 a crossing, or a total exceeding \$500,000,000—a half-billion dollars!

Under the laws of Illinois, part of this enormous sum would have to be paid in direct taxation, by the public.

The remainder would have to be paid by the public in freight and passenger rates. For a railroad is not a mint—it does not coin money. Every penny it pays out must first be paid by the public.

The railroads already have expended over \$100,000,000 for track elevation in this State, but, because of the great cost of this work, it is plain that thousands of grade crossings must remain for years to come.

Public Co-Operation Is Necessary

The railroads are doing their part to prevent accidents at highway crossings. They have spent and will spend immense sums for track elevation, watchmen, crossing gates, alarms and in "safety first" campaigns of education.

But accidents of that kind will continue to occur unless the public, too, does its share toward preventing them.

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FOR RENT—Three modern furnis-
hed rooms for light housekeeping.
464 South East Street. 12-22-tf

FOR RENT—Four rooms, 314 North
East street. Apply 421 East Col-
lege avenue. 12-10-tf

FOR RENT—Modern brick dwelling,
hot water heat. Large commodi-
ous rooms, located 551 S. Main.
Apply to F. L. Gregory. 12-12-tf

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FOR RENT—Six room house and
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FOR RENT—Eight room house,
modern, new, west side, close in.
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rooms, and housekeeping rooms,
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329 S. City, Illinois 612. 12-3-1mo.

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TYPEWRITERS—Extra bargains in
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pigs; registered stock. Ill. phone
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FOR SALE—Fresh cow, third calf.
Some shoats. Pekin ducks. 908
N. Main St. Ill. phone 50-10.
12-24-2t

FOR SALE—Horse blankets, collar
pads, wagon beds, pumps. Pumps

BRIGADIER GENERAL IN CIVIL WAR DIES

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—Hollon
Richardson, 81 years old, who was
brigadier-general of the Seventh
Wisconsin Volunteers in the Civil
War, died Sunday at his home in
Keyport, near here, it was learned
today. He took part in General
Meade's council of war the night of
the first day of the battle of Gettys-
burg and was present when General
Lee surrendered to General Grant at
Appomattox.

GREAT CONCLAVE OF SCIENTISTS

New York, Dec. 26.—Nearly two
hundred members of the American
Association for the Advancement of
Science and of its numerous affilia-
tion societies met at the American
Museum of Natural History here to-
day to make report on the scientific
progress of the past year, to read
papers describing remarkable experi-
ments, and to indicate the direction
of research during 1917. This meet-
ing is the most important scientific
event of the year, being, in fact, the
same to this country as the meeting
of the British Association is to En-
gland. It is one of the largest meet-
ings which the American association
various societies and associations in
the conclave is formidable. The list
of members is still more so, for every
scientific man of prominence in the
United States is a member of one or
another of the various bodies.

ENGLAND KEEPS MEMORY OF THOMAS GRAY

London, Dec. 26.—Neither the
storm and stress of war nor the con-
trasting joys of Boxing Day pre-
vented many of the literary societies of
England from holding exercises to-
day in celebration of the 200th anni-
versary of the birth of Thomas Gray.
It was on this date, in 1716, that the
author of the immortal "Elegy" was
born in the Cornhill section of Lon-
don, where his mother kept a little
millinery shop. The poet died in 1771
and was buried at Stoke Poges, be-
side the remains of his mother.

ADMIRAL DEWEY AT EIGHTIETH MILESTONE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Ad-
miral Dewey was forced to forego his
usual routine of work at the
Navy Department today by the re-
ceipt of a veritable flood of felicita-
tion messages and the calls of many
personal friends who conveyed to
him in person their congratulations
on the beginning of his eightieth
year. The birthday anniversary of
the famous naval veteran found him
in excellent health and, though nat-
urally not quite so vigorous phys-
ically, certainly as keen mentally as
on that historic May day in 1898,
when he sailed with his squadron in-
to Manila bay and completely anni-
hilated the Spanish fleet under Ad-
miral Montojo.

repaired. Lat Fox, 1-2 block south
of Court house. Both phones. 12-2-tf.

FOR SALE—Modern eight room
house, West College street. Would
exchange for Morgan County land.
Address Owner, care Journal. 12-21-tf.

FOR SALE—At less than \$2,500 it
taken at once, before we rent it.
A 6 room cottage, modern in struc-
ture and equipment, in excellent
condition, with small barn, suit-
able for garage, situated at 123 E.
Morton Ave., on paved street, 1/2
block to cars. Call in person; do
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Insist upon **HERPICIDE**
Applications at the better barber shops
Guaranteed by The Herpicide Co.
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GOOD ADVICE

A Jacksonville Citizen Gives Informa-
tion of Priceless Value.

When you suffer from backache,
Headaches, dizziness, nervousness,
Feel weak, languid, depressed,
Have annoying urinary disorders;
Do you know what to do?
Some Jacksonville people do.
Read the statement that follows.
It's from a Jacksonville woman.
Testimony that can be investigated.
Mrs. Doyle, 718 N. East St., Jack-
sonville, says: "I have used Doan's
Kidney Pills for general weakness of
my kidneys and they have helped me
a whole lot. I recommend Doan's Kid-
ney Pills very highly to others who
may need such a medicine."
Price 30c, at all dealers. Don't
simply ask for a kidney remedy—get
Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that
Mrs. Doyle had. Foster-Milburn Co.,
Proprs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Misery in Back, Headache and Pain in Limbs.

Dear Mr. Editor—For more than a
year I suffered with misery in the back,
dull headache, pain in the limbs, was
somewhat constipated and slept poorly
at night until I was about ready to col-
lapse. Seeing an account of the won-
derful qualities of "Annie," prepared
by Doctor Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., I
sent for a box, and before using the
whole box I felt still and sleep improved.
My sleep is refreshing, misery reduced,
and life is not the drag it was before. I
most cheerfully recommend this remedy
to sufferers from like ailments.
Yours truly, W. A. ROBERTS.

NOTE: You'll all undoubtedly heard
of the famous Dr. Pierce and his well-
known medicines. Well, this prescrip-
tion is one that has been successfully
used for many years by the physicians
and specialists of Dr. Pierce's Invalids'
Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo,
N. Y., for kidney complaints, and dis-
eases arising from disorders of the
kidneys and bladder, such as backache,
weak back, rheumatism, dropsy, con-
gestion of the kidneys, inflammation
of the bladder, scalding urine, and
urinary troubles.
Up to this time, "Annie" has not
been on sale to the public, but by the
persuasion of many patients and the
increased demand for this wonderful
healing Tablet, Dr. Pierce has finally
decided to put it into the drug stores
of this country within immediate reach
of all sufferers.

I know of one or two leading drug-
gists in town who have managed to
procure a supply of "Annie" for their
anxious customers in and around this
locality. It not obtainable send one
dime by mail to Dr. Pierce for trial
package or 50 cents for full treatment.
ERROR—Please insert this letter in
some conspicuous place in your paper.

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Buy now before the advance in
prices comes.
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Spring Chickens 16c
Chickens, old 14
Butter 40c
Eggs 35c
Lard 20c
Bacon 14c
Turnips 60c
Potatoes, new 1.75
Apples \$1.00

Commission Men Pay:
Poultry Prices

Hens, heavy 13c
Hens, light 11c
Springs, heavy 14c
Springs, light 13c
Old Roosters 6c
Ducks 1c
Geese 1c
No. 1 Turkeys 19c
Turkey Toms 15c
Guinea 25c
Guinea Squabs 50c
Fresh Eggs, candled 30c
Beef Hides 17c
Packing Stock Butter 23c
The Jacksonville Creamery Co.,
is now paying 38c for butter fat.

Hay and Grain
Timothy Hay, per bale 50c
Timothy Hay, per ton \$14.00
Clover Hay, per bale 50c
Clover Hay, per ton \$14.00
Alfalfa Hay, per bale 50c
Alfalfa Hay, per ton \$18.00
Oats Straw 35c
Oats, per bushel 60c
Bran 1.65
Cracked corn, old, per cwt. 2.25
Coarse corn meal 2.18
Corn 1.75
S. Feed 2.40

FOUND—Purse containing money
at Old Ten Cent Store. Owner can
have same by paying for advertise-
ment and calling at Nurse's Home
at State Hospital. 12-24-3t.

NOTICE—Party is known who took
blanket from horse hitched near
Jenkinson-Haxby bakery. Prose-
cution will follow unless blanket is
returned to bakery. 12-24-3t.

Owen Edgar Franks of East St.
Louis, Ill., has returned home after
spending Christmas with relatives
in this city.

LIVELY SELLING WIPES OUT EARLY ADVANCE

Wheat Market Closes Unsettled at
1 1/2 Cent Net Higher—Predic-
tions of Heavy Receipts Have a
Bearish Influence on Corn.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Lively selling,
which seemed to be connected with
Germany's proposal for an immedi-
ate conference of belligerents wiped
out today nearly all of an early ad-
vance in the value of wheat. The
market closed unsettled, so to be net
higher with May at \$1.68 1/2 to 1.68 3/4
and July at \$1.38 1/2 to 1.38 3/4. Corn
lost 1/2 to 1 1/2¢ and oats finish-
ed 1/2¢ to be up. Provisions wound
up at five cents to 37 1/2¢ advance.

At no time however did the de-
clines carry the market to any radi-
cal extent below Saturday's closing
level.

Previous to the Berlin develop-
ments the wheat market had dis-
played a decided tendency to advance
and had risen to the highest point
since the news was received of the
German peace offer on December 12.
Today's temporary showing of
strength was based largely on hopes
of improved foreign demand and on
the scantiness of domestic receipts.

Predictions of heavy receipts this
week had a bearish influence on
corn. Unsettled weather acted at
first as a stimulus to buyers, but
the effect failed to last. A great ex-
port demand for oats was noted.
Otherwise the trade in oats was
light

AFTER CHRISTMAS CLEANUP SALE

of

Solid and Gold Filled Jewelry

The prices are cut more than half in two on Jewelry of.
Standard Quality and the best designs

Here are some of the Specials and Price Equally Prevail all thru our big and well selected stock

Gold filled LaValliere 85c, value \$2.25

Diamond LaValliere \$2.85, value \$6.00

Gent's 20-year guarantee Elgin Jeweled Watch, \$7.35, value \$15.00

Alarm Clock 63c, value \$1.25

Gent's Cuff Links 35c, value \$1.25

Ladies' Gold Watch, Elgin Jeweled movement \$8.15, value \$15.00

Large size heavy block, heavy cut American Cut Glass Bowls \$2.95, value \$5.00 to \$7.00

Gold Cameo Stick Pin 80c, value \$2.25

Ladies' Rings \$1.35, value \$3

Remember this is a long established store and we have a record of honest dealing to sustain.

EDWARD D. HEINL

229 WEST STATE STREET

Jeweler and Diamond Specialist

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED AT MEREDOSIA

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schmidt entertained friends—Meredosia News Notes.

James Rice who has been working in an automobile factory in Flint, Michigan, arrived home Sunday for a week's visit.

Miss Alta Gaddis of Springfield visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gaddis.

Mrs. George Wackerle and daughter Marjorie are enjoying the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ritscher.

Fred and Edna Hall of Jacksonville spent Sunday here returning in the evening accompanied by their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cody and two children of Jacksonville ate Christmas dinner with their parents Mr. and Mrs. James Cody.

The home of Charles Summers is quarantined owing to scarlet fever their little son having the disease.

Miss Lena Pfingner of Milton is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hedrick.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Berger visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson in Versailles Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Floyd and son George were Versailles visitors Sunday.

Miss Anna Bellville spent the holidays at Mt. Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bennett visited Monday with the latter's parents in Jacksonville.

Miss Aileen Baur of Peoria spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Baur.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Post, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clegg of Jacksonville were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Looman and daughter Greta were Versailles visitors Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hedenburg.

James McGinnis is spending the week with his sisters at Lincoln and Springfield.

Mrs. Ellen James who has been in Chandlerville for some time, arrived home Friday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Sam Harwood of St. Louis is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hollis and two children Veda and Zera are the guests of Mrs. Hollis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hinners ate Christmas dinner with the latter's parents in Boardman.

Paul Bowling who has had employment in Flint, Mich., returned home Saturday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Bowling.

In honor of their wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Will Schmidt entertained at their home Saturday evening. Howard Rhodes and Miss Elma Simmons of Mt. Sterling, Miss Josephine Taylor, Chapin, Harold Rice, Delos James, Frank Skinner, Esther James and Freda Unland.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schmidt and daughter Madeline spent Christmas day with relatives in Mt. Sterling. Howard Rhodes returned to Mt.

Sterling Sunday morning after a short stay here.

Misses Bernice Skinner and Frances James were Jacksonville visitors Saturday.

Miss Emma Floyd had the misfortune, to break the large bone in her left arm, the past week.

Miss Bertha Kopsmeyer who is attending high school in Jacksonville returned home Saturday for the holidays.

The Freeman sisters, Nettie, Nellie and Edith of Jacksonville are home for the holidays.

C. E. Hessey and wife of Springfield were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kappel Sunday and Monday.

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LITERBERRY

Mrs. Ella Metcalf of Hale Mission, is making a visit at "Orchard Place" with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Litter.

Miss Pauline Dawson of St. Louis came up last week to spend Christmas with friends in Literberry.

The obliging Santa, made previous visits to our town last week, having discerned our largest chimney and deposited packages on our center table, from Mrs. S. H. Crum, Mrs. Warren Daniels, and Mrs. J. A. Litter, for which we say, thank you good friend.

On Saturday night, there was held at the Christian church, an oyster supper, and a play was given, while a large Christmas tree in all her glory, was robbed and dismantled to please the audience.

At the Baptist church on Monday night, a play was given by the Senior class, and the children gave a very interesting piece also. The tree was beautiful, and many Sunday school children received presents.

Every body interested in the program carried out their part all right and we pronounce it a success.

Rev. E. M. Crabtree filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, the morning text being "The Holy City," from Revelations, 21st chapter. The subject of the evening discourse was "Come and Dine."

Mrs. Crabtree and sons Francis Marion and John came down Monday on the morning train to spend Christmas with friends in Literberry.

Favorable reports have come from Dr. Day's hospital, that Mrs. Berry, wife of Dr. Berry of Literberry, is getting along fine and will be able to come home in a couple of weeks from now.

Miss Georgia Litter is feeling proud over the arrival of a souvenir from Kentucky, consisting of a piece of her grandmother's wedding dress. This is a piece of broadcloth silk of a very fine pattern and is one hundred and fifteen years old.

J. O. Pierce of Springfield, Ill., has come among us and will farm his mother's land northeast of town. Mr. Pierce is a bachelor and we presume he will want a house-keeper, see?

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Henderson who sold their stock and other goods last week, will soon move to their new home at LaMar, southeast Missouri.

NAMES BRANFELD AN UMPIRE
New York, Dec. 26.—William E. (Kitty) Branfield, former Pittsburgh and Philadelphia National league player, has been appointed umpire by President Tener of the National League. It was announced late today.

BLIZZARD IN NORTHWEST
Nortfolk, Neb., Dec. 26.—A blizzard is headed this way from the northwest, according to despatches from various points. Winner, S. D., and Long Pine, Neb., report heavy snowfalls with the mercury registering ten degrees below zero at the latter place.

WILLIE SMITH DIES
Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 26.—Willie Smith, golf professional at the Mexican country club and formerly American national open golf champion of America died here today. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS AT THOMSON HOME

County Judge and Wife Entertain Relatives at House Party

Judge and Mrs. William E. Thomson entertained a number of guests at a combination Christmas house-warming and family re-union. The first guests began to arrive last Friday and the last to leave will go today.

A Christmas program was rendered Sunday evening by members of the family together with Master Maurice Reid of Greenwood Avenue, Charles Willard of Chicago, played Santa Claus and delivered presents to all those present.

A program of plans had previously been agreed upon. Each mother was to bring some simple present for each of her children and one extra; each grown-up was to furnish a present for a grown-up. A limit was placed on the cost of the presents and a fine of fifty cents was to be assessed against the one who "exceeded the speed limit." No fine was assessed. The Christmas tree was well lighted with small electric lights. After the program the children hung up their stockings by the fire-place and Santa again remembered them with simple and inexpensive presents.

Among the plans agreed upon was one whereby each person had certain tasks assigned to him or her and was held responsible for the performance of that duty. It is currently reported that the men had to wash and dry the dishes after each meal and that they seldom had to re-wash a dish.

A group picture was taken Christmas morning. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Hedgeson and children, Misses Jessie and Edna Willard and Charles Willard, all of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willard and children of Peoria; Mrs. J. C. Willard of Topeka, Mason county; Cyril Willard of Manitowish; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trent and children of Tice.

INDICATE WIDESPREAD
DETENTION OF CARS
BOSTON, Dec. 26.—A widespread and unnecessary detention of freight cars in various parts of the country, together with an abnormal shortage of freight equipment is indicated by reports of special agents of the department of justice and inspectors of the inter-state commerce commission, federal district attorney George W. Anderson stated today.

Mr. Anderson who is conducting the federal inquiry into the high cost of food and other necessities, asks the co-operation of railroads in reporting to him all unnecessary detentions of freight cars. He sent letters to this effect today to the New York, New Haven & Hartford, Boston & Maine and Boston & Albany railroads.

ITALY'S MILITARY
ACTIVITY CONTINUES
ROME, Dec. 25, via Paris, Dec. 26.—The feeling of peace in the air has not affected in the slightest measure Italy's military activity. The new class, those born in 1898, has been called to report to the colors January 1, which will considerably increase the contingents available for the front, while 2,500 factories are running day and night turning out arms and munitions.

From the peaks of Trentino to the shores of the Adriatic Christmas passed in vigilant watching varied in some spots by sudden attacks, notwithstanding fearful weather conditions. Snow in the mountains is fifteen feet deep.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH
Chicago, Dec. 26.—Thomas King, aged 93 years, and his son of the same name, aged 64, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their frame dwelling at Steger, Ill., today.

TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR NAVAL TRAINING

Naval Department Completes Plans—Contemplates Use of Reserve Battleships and Establishment of Coast Training Camps.

Washington, Dec. 26.—An opportunity for 10,000 civilians to receive naval training during the coming year will be offered under navy department plans completed today, contemplating the use of twelve reserve battleships for a summer training cruise, the establishment of coast training camps at San Francisco, Chicago, Norfolk, New Port and probably Pensacola and the organization of motor boat squadrons made up of owners of private motor craft.

A tentative schedule drawn up by the department provides for the opening of the camps and the start of the cruise on July 2, the training course in each instance to extend until August 4. Mobilization of motor boat squadrons for maneuvers would take place early in September. A winter training course, preliminary to the summer cruise would be provided for those applying on board designated battleships at Philadelphia and New York.

Summer training cruise, which will be similar to the John Paul Jones cruise of last summer, probably will be held again this year coincident with naval war games. Training at the camps will be similar to that given apprentice seamen for one month. The expenses of each man will be about \$30 but congress will be asked to authorize enrollment of those who qualify in the naval volunteer reserve for one year, with a provision that their expenses for transportation to and from camps and for subsistence would be met by the government.

Armstrong's drug store, S. W. corner square, start their 25c Crab Sale today at 9 a. m.

BRITISH DETAIN
GREEK LINER PATRIS
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Greek Line Steamer Patris with 600 passengers aboard bound from Piraeus to New York is detained by the British at Gibraltar it was learned today from N. A. Gallanos, local agent of the line.

"We have been officially informed by the British government that the entente allies have declared a blockade against Greek shipping," said Mr. Gallanos.

GALE PLAYS HAVOC
WITH SHIPPING
Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 26.—The schooner Roger Drury was sunk off Great Point, the schooner Daniel McLeod was stranded on the northern end of the Rip off the point, and the British schooner Ravola was wrecked on the southern end of the Rip in a northwest gale today. The crews of all were rescued.

SKI JUMPER SETS NEW MARK
Chicago, Dec. 26.—Christ Jellum, a local amateur skier, jumped 166 feet at Carey, Ill., yesterday, making what is claimed today to be a record for the slope. He beat by one foot the mark set in 1914 by Ragnar Omvedt, a professional. The former amateur record for the slope was 135 feet.

WAR DEPARTMENT
ANSWERS CHARGES
Gives Out Report from Gen. Bell Saying Eighth Ohio is Comfortably and Adequately Housed.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Charges that the eighth Ohio regiment on the Mexican border has not been properly cared for, set forth in "a round robin" petition signed by members of the regiment were answered by the war department today by making public a report from Brig. General Bell, commanding the El Paso district saying the regiment is comfortably and adequately housed and that its number of sick is below the average.

"Out of 953 enlisted men and 46 officers in the eighth Ohio," the statement says, "there are 23 on the sick report at this date (Dec. 26). Only two deaths in this regiment since arrival on the border. One of those was a suicide and the other was Private Lapp, who died of pneumonia. Private Lapp was properly cared for and no blame is attached to anyone for his death."

Summary Court Delays Hearing
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 26.—The hearing of Private Robert Dixon, of the eighth Ohio infantry before a summary court which was to have been held today, has been postponed to permit the preliminary hearing to be continued.

Private Dixon was charged with having drafted the "round robin" in the eighth Ohio camp and to have circulated it among the men protesting against camp conditions.

I have been troubled for years with stomach and kidney trouble, so that at times, I was confined to my bed, and unable to work and had received no benefit from any treatment. Was getting weaker and worse all the time. My urine and bowels at times I could not control. I consulted Dr. C. W. Carson, the Chicago Specialist, and after taking a course of his treatment, can say that I am thoroughly cured. Will be glad to answer any inquiries in regard to my case.

Mrs. Mell Powell,
R. No. 1, Annawan, Ill., Adv.

SENTRY KILLS PRIVATE.
Columbus, N. M., Dec. 26.—Private Albert A. Streigel of the quartermaster corps, was shot and killed today by a sentry. Streigel had been confined to the stockade on a charge of disorderly conduct. He had been given permission to go to his tent for blankets and was being taken there when the shooting occurred. The sentry claimed Streigel attempted to escape.

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